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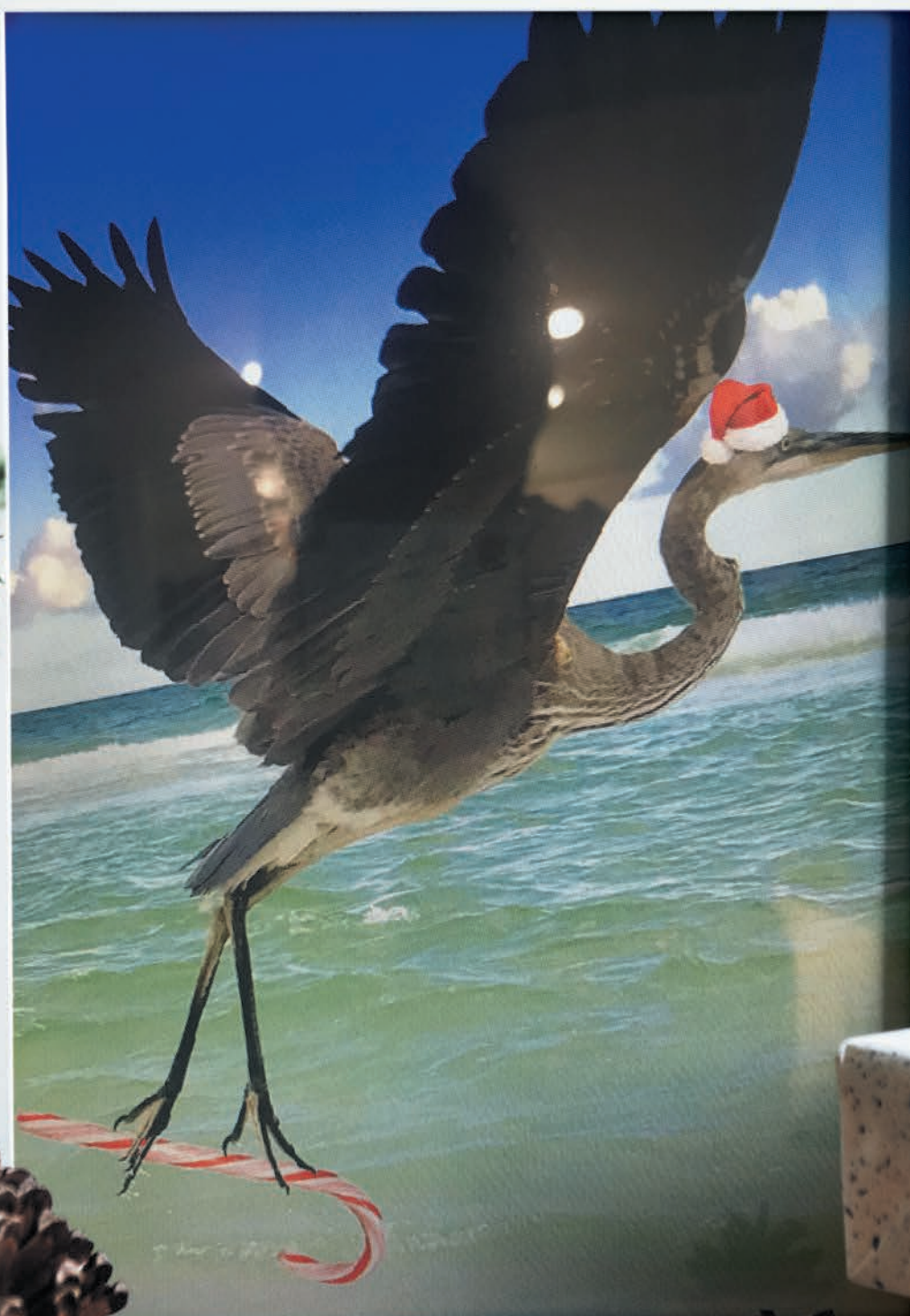
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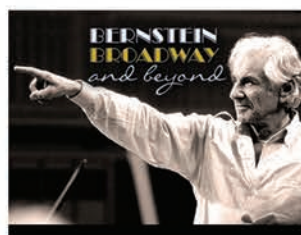
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Opening Remarks

Dispatches from Our
War (on Christmas)
Correspondent

Nov. 24, 2018. Santa Claus just pulled up in his sleigh near the Destin Harbor. No, wait. It's a big red Toyota truck. I wonder if they'll waive the parking fees for him.

He does not look at all like Kurt Russell, which reminds me I have to watch that Netflix Christmas movie at some point. There's a platoon of opposing forces approaching Mr. Claus, but he doesn't look at all worried. **#SantaStrong**

Correction. It's a group of small children, and they're bombarding Santa Claus with their wish lists. No sign of any anti-Christmas action here. I'm gonna go get myself a belt.

Nov. 28, 2018. I'm watching Editor Manson's front porch, trying to stay out of the Ring device's camera range... eating (another) leftover turkey sandwich.

Okay, the UPS driver and the postman—both pro-Christmas allies in the war—are approaching the porch with what appears to be a lot of boxes from Amazon addressed to Paula Hilton.

UPS guy just rang the doorbell. It's almost 10 AM, so Manson's probably not out of bed yet.



Look what Editor Manson found under his Christmas tree this year!

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Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

Good lord, I'm hearing a lot of—sounds like explosions coming from the house. Didn't think Manson was anti-Christmas, but...

No. Just the dogs barking. I've met Manson's dogs, and I never suspected they'd defect to the other side. The door's opening. The two big dogs are darting onto the porch right now.

Postman is running to his mail truck. He's clearly terrified. Oh, my God, this is going to be brutal. Photos and video to follow...

Correction. The big dogs are jumping up and licking the UPS guy. UPS guy is reaching into his pocket for...a weapon? Nope, couple of dog treats. Nothing to see here, besides Editor Manson drinking what looks to be a cup of coffee, but who knows with that guy.

I'm gonna ditch this turkey sandwich and head over to TOPS Hamburgers.

Dec. 1, 2018. It's the first day of December, and it feels like 80 degrees outside. Not sure if Mother Nature is

working with the opposing forces, but I'm ready to sneak out of the combat zone and take a dip in the pool.

Dec. 5. Taking a day off from the front. Watching *A Charlie Brown Christmas* with the kids. Not my kids, just some younguns that wandered over from who knows where. They like the show. Not seeing any signs of racism that nobody managed to spot in 50 years of network broadcasts.

Dec. 6. Watching the holiday shoppers at the K-Mart in Fort Walton Beach. Yes, they still have a K-Mart over here. No sign of the enemy, but you never can tell with these Christmas haters. In the interest of good journalism, trying to stay fair and balanced, but I slip up and say "Merry Christmas" to a lady that passes my way.

She pauses. Gives me a look. I'm shaking in my flip-flops—yes, it's still unseasonably warm for this time of year... and she says, "Merry Christmas to you!"

War's over. Happy New Year!

Cheers to Okaloosa Island's Hurricane Relief Event

On Saturday, November 10, over 400 people attended a Hurricane Michael fundraiser hosted by The Boardwalk on Okaloosa Island. The community rallied together to cheers with over 120 wines, craft beers, and spirits, all in the name of charity. *Cheers for Charity, A Hurricane Michael Fundraiser* raised \$22,260 with 100 percent of the event proceeds benefitting Panhandle Prayers and Pawsitive Love Foundation, two reputable organizations whose efforts are assisting those affected by the storm.

The event was pulled together in just two weeks, as a few community members and team members from Saltwater Restaurants Inc., along with the management company of The Boardwalk, saw an opportunity to do something with more long-term objectives for Hurricane Michael victims.

"Like most of the community, we immediately felt the need to assist those affected by the storm with hot meals and supplies, but felt a strong urge to make an even bigger impact utilizing our resources. When the opportunity came to pull together this event in such a short amount of time, we knew it was going to be a lot of work, but absolutely worth it," said **Misty Rae Ruthrauff**, marketing director for Saltwater Restaurants, Inc.

"It's amazing how many volunteers will come together and make things happen when the simple goal is to help our neighbors. Our Emerald Coast

community is full of so much love and compassion, and it reflected at the Cheers for Charity event. We are so grateful to have raised over \$22,000 in this short amount of time."

"Many lives in the Panhandle were touched as a result of this event," said **Steve Kotowske**, founder of Pawsitive Love Foundation. "It sends a clear message of community to our friends in the path of Hurricane Michael."

Throughout the Boardwalk, attendees enjoyed an assortment of live music performances who all graciously donated their talents, including OutShine, a high-energy cover band from Birmingham, Alabama; acoustic sets from Myke VanNess and Chavis Hobbs; country vibes from NASH Next winner Jessie Ritter; and ukulele duo Silvia Madriaga and Dave Dennison.

Fundraising efforts included raffles with thousands of dollars in items including getaways, artwork, and a surfboard from Fluid Surf Shop. Ten percent of all restaurant sales from Rockin Tacos, Floyd's Shrimp House, and The Crab Trap were donated to the cause, in addition to sales from other Saltwater Restaurant properties, including The Surf Hut in Miramar Beach and The Crab Trap in Destin.

"Panhandle Prayers is very thankful for being included in the Cheers for Charity event. We look forward to using the proceeds to help fix or



Clint Rogers, Misty Rae Ruthrauff, Alyssa Hoffman, Gil Osterloh and Steve Kotowske at November's Cheers for Charity fundraiser held on Okaloosa Island.

replace uninsured vehicles that were damaged by Hurricane Michael," said **Gil Osterloh**, one of many coordinators of the event and co-founder of benefiting charity Panhandle Prayers.

The event wrapped up with a very emotional performance from Bay County local Wade Rinehart. His song "850 Strong" was inspired by the aftermath of the storm, and you can listen to the story of how Mr. Rinehart wrote the song and is using it to help his community at **www.850strongsong.com**.

Cheers for Charity concluded with a Veteran's Day weekend fireworks show off the Okaloosa Island pier. - **SaltwaterRestaurants.com**

Local Biz Owners Launch Bay County Strong

Local business owners Kevin and Susan Engle have created the Bay County Strong Hurricane Michael relief effort. Although originally from Atlanta, these entrepreneurs have strong personal ties to the Emerald Coast as two of the restaurants they are partners in, Back Beach Barbecue and Restaurant Paradis, are located in Panama City Beach and Rosemary Beach.

Bay County Strong was founded as a local effort to assist the Florida Panhandle with Hurricane Michael relief efforts through hands-on and financial assistance for those impacted by the devastation caused by the storm, all while keeping those in the Atlanta area informed and engaged with the help needed.

Bay County Strong will focus on four key relief areas in order to maximize its efforts and provide the most support possible to the affected regions. First, as a collaborative effort, the teams of Restaurant Paradis, Back Beach Barbecue and Atlanta-based 101 Concepts Restaurant Group will pool their resources together to provide food and meals to those in need. They have created the "Buy a Butt" program, consisting of a \$35 donation that will

provide a hot pulled pork sandwich, chips and a bottle of water to 20 people.

The second key area they will be focusing on is purchasing supplies to be handed out and distributed. The list of supplies needed is ever changing and can range from generators, tarps and chainsaws to feminine care products, diapers and school supplies. Bay County Strong will work with local officials to determine the most pressing needs. Monetary donations made directly to the relief effort will fund the purchasing of these supplies, which will then be directly dispersed.

The relief efforts will be long-term and continue into the next several months. With that in mind, Bay County Strong will be providing financial assistance to other organizations such as shelters, various nonprofit relief organizations, groups providing temporary housing solutions, and local humane societies that are overflowing with surrendered and lost pets.

Finally, the fourth key area Bay County Strong will focus on is aiding specific families or individuals that they uncover on a case-by-case basis. As individuals and families attempt to rebuild their homes and their



lives, Bay County Strong will help lessen the pressure they all feel by offering and providing much needed direct support, such as housing, furniture or food.

The relief effort will also focus on providing holiday meals, gifts for children to open on Christmas morning, and other holiday-centered efforts.

In order to fund these efforts, Bay County Strong has started an Ambassador Program in order to raise funds directly from the community and nationwide. If you are interested in becoming a Bay County Strong Ambassador, email **baycountystrong@comcast.net**.

Donations can also be made through **paypal.me/baycountystrong850**, or you can mail a check to P.O. Box 611071, Rosemary Beach, FL 32462.

- *Jessica Proffitt Bracken*

Memo to Donald Trump's Gut: Shut up. Just. Shut. Up.

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

A sentence actually spoken by the President of the United States to the *Washington Post*: "They're making a mistake because I have a gut, and my gut tells me more sometimes than anybody else's brain can ever tell me."

Brilliant things that Donald Trump's gut has told him in the past:

1. Before you go on *Access Hollywood*, be sure to brag to Billy Bush about how you like to grab women between the legs. He'll be super impressed, and nobody except you and he will ever hear a word of what you say.

2. Want to have sex with a random porn actress while your wife is home with a new baby? Go for it, dude. Seriously, what's the downside?

3. Some people say he's a third-rate hack lawyer, but you know what? This Michael Cohen, he worships you. You can tell him to do absolutely anything because he's totally loyal. Never in a million years would he rat you out to save his own hide.

4. It would be a fantastic idea to hire this Paul Manafort guy as your campaign chairman. You barely know him, but check out his hair! I say go for it.

5. You should delegate way more authority to Don Jr. For instance, if somebody connected to Russia says they have dirt on Hillary, why not let the kid handle it? Jared can keep an eye on him. There's always a spare conference room at Trump Tower.

6. Here's what to do if Stormy Daniels or any of these other women threaten to spill the beans about your extramarital affairs: Tell your weasel pal that runs the *National Enquirer* to buy and bury their stories—and then make them sign non-disclosure agreements. That way, NOBODY WILL EVER FIND OUT THE TRUTH!

7. I've got a good feeling about this Sean Spicer guy. He'll be an amazing White House press secretary. Trust me, your gut, on this one.

8. The first classy thing you should do on the day you take office is say that your inauguration crowd was the biggest in the history of inaugurations. Maybe even the biggest in the history of crowds!

9. Honestly, nobody cares about those intelligence reports warning that Michael Flynn is too tight with the Russians. Go ahead and make him your national security adviser. He's got enough military medals to fill a Christmas tree. The FBI will believe whatever he says!

10. I've got a good feeling about this Anthony Scaramucci guy. He'll be amazing with the media, way better than that clown Spicer. Go for it!

11. Jared hates him, but you should keep Steve Bannon around. Make him a top adviser and put him on the National Security Council. He's totally loyal and would never blab secretly to Bob Woodward about your insanely dysfunctional presidency.

12. Know who else would be a great addition to the White House team? Omarosa from *The Apprentice*. She's feisty, she's African American and she's totally loyal to you. Even if you've got to fire her (again, ha!), she'll never leave and write an angry book portraying you as a racist nitwit.

13. I've got a good feeling about Rex Tillerson for secretary of state. He'll be totally loyal to you, and never in a million years would he refer to you as a f----- idiot, especially in front of other people.

14. Also hearing great things about this Oklahoma lawyer, Scott Pruitt, who keeps suing the EPA. Why not put him in charge of it? He'd never embarrass you by doing something stupid, like building a \$43,000 soundproof phone booth in his office.

15. Here's an idea for a fun night at the White House: Invite Sarah Palin, Kid Rock and Ted Nugent to dinner—and NOT keep it a secret!

16. When you sit down for your big interview with Lester Holt, just come right out and admit that you fired James Comey because he wouldn't halt the FBI investigation into Russia's meddling in the 2016 election. No big deal. Heck, I bet Robert Mueller doesn't even watch NBC!

17. Someday it would be so cool to have a meeting with Kanye in the Oval Office. Be sure and invite the media, too!

Go with your gut, Mr. President. Have I ever let you down?

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Thank God for Mississippi

By Charles Morgan III

The state of Alabama does not test well. Nationally, Alabama ranks 46th in health care, 47th in education, 48th in opportunity, 42nd in crimes and corrections, 38th in economy, 35th in quality of life, 32nd in infrastructure, 48th in poverty and 48th in obesity. In Alabama, even though it's usually whispered, it's whispered a lot:

"Thank God for Mississippi."

Alabama is not home to any true international cities, certainly not like Florida, where everything below Gainesville is a melting pot of ethnicities and nationalities.

Alabama got shortchanged on the Gulf Coast and ended up with a small strip of Gulf front known as "The Redneck Riviera."

There is great art and music in Alabama, but it's never been considered a bastion of artistic culture.

There are no big league professional sports franchises in Alabama. The long history of racism and oppression kept that from happening. African-

American players from visiting teams wouldn't have been able to stay in hotels or eat in restaurants with their teammates in 1960w Alabama.

But they could in Atlanta. That is why the Braves, Falcons and Hawks have called Atlanta home for 50 years.

There is some spark in Birmingham, Huntsville, Mobile, Florence, Tuscaloosa, and even Auburn. But much of rural Alabama is depressed—and depressing.

Alabama is home to Frank Stitt, the chef-owner of Highlands Bar and Grill, the best restaurant in the United States. Most of the best restaurants in the state (with the exception of the remarkable Greek family classics and the spectacular BBQ joints) are directly attributable to Frank.

Still, Alabama doesn't test well.

However—and as a testament to the notion that there is a God—in Alabama, they play football.

The University of Alabama is the best football team in the United States. They've been the best team for a while. You never know, but it looks like they're going to the best team forever.

Alabama football fans—and there are more and more of them every year—would be plenty satisfied with one victory after another and a national championship thrown in every couple of years. But there is way more to it than that.

There is drama. Maybe not quite in the Shakespearean sense, but there is drama.

There are protagonists and heroes, foils and villains. There are characters with greatness in them. There are players who fail and make mistakes and then redeem themselves. There are young men striving to be better.

It all takes place on a university campus full of young people trying to be better, smarter, learning to grow up.

It takes place under the leadership of a head coach who takes his role with a passion and a level of intelligence and intensity that has not been seen before. Anywhere. Ever.

This past Saturday in Atlanta, for the second time in less than a year, amidst smothering media coverage and the kind of intensity only seen in the fall, in the South, on a football field, Alabama played Georgia.

In the two games—the first for the national championship, the second for the SEC championship (basically the same thing)—Georgia led Alabama for 119 of the 120 minutes.

In the first game Tua Tagovailoa relieved Jalen Hurts, and in the second game Jalen relieved Tua. There is no way to recount the drama built up between the two games. But it was as dramatic as anything in the world of literature. Alabama won both games.

So thank God for Mississippi and football.

Alabama doesn't test well.

But damn, we've got a football team.

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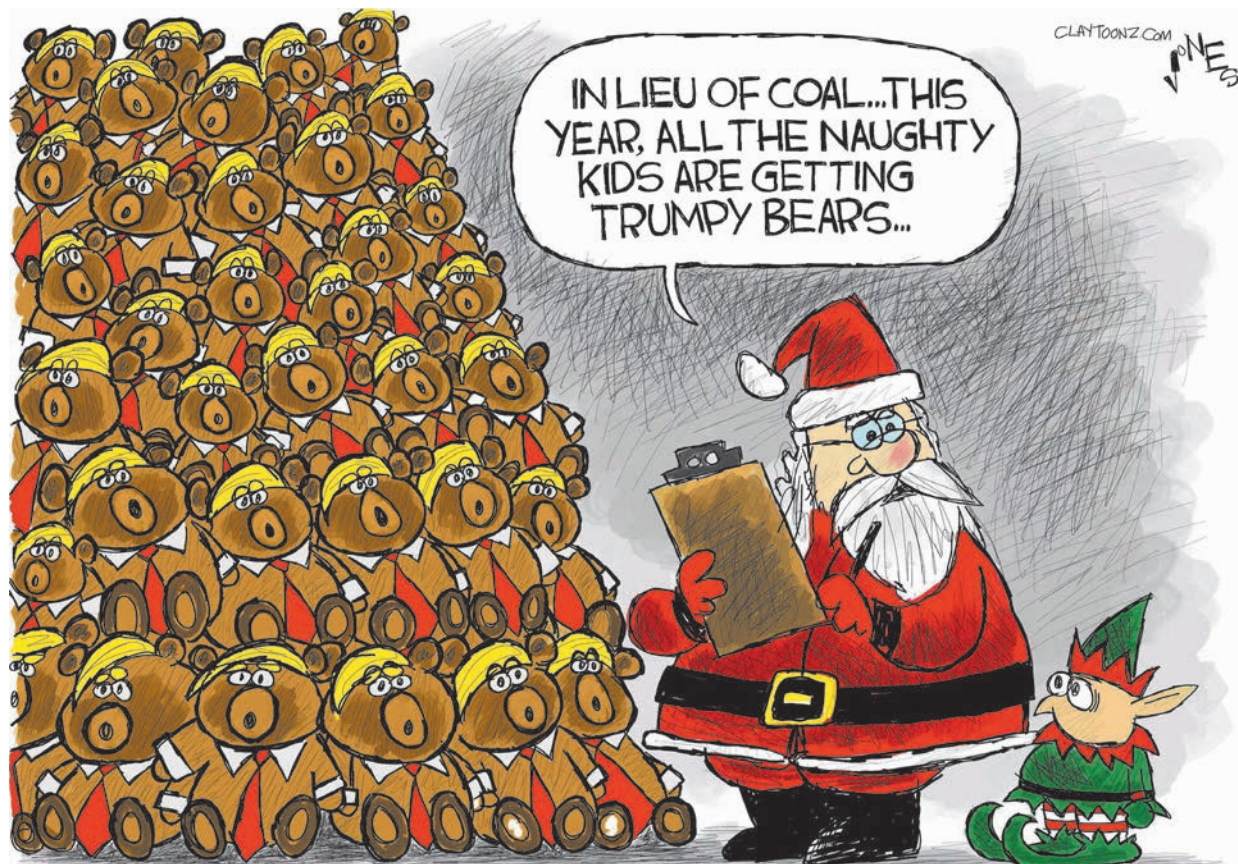
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Photo submitted by Tuny Jennings.

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ART EVENTS

THROUGH DEC. 14. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY'S (ADSO) "LANDMARKS OF THE EMERALD COAST" SHOW AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH
ADSO features art depicting landmarks featured along the Emerald Coast.

THROUGH DEC. 22. ART SALE AT HH ARTS, FORT WALTON BEACH
Cards, jewelry, winter wonderland clay designs and other unique gifts, with discounts of 10 to 20 percent.

THROUGH DEC. 31. "DECK THE WALLS" AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH
Peruse the work of 18 Beachcomberland artists and get some holiday shopping done in the bargain.

THROUGH JAN. 27, 2019. FALL/WINTER ROTATION AT THE FOSTER GALLERY, GRAND BOULEVARD AT SANDESTIN
Enjoy the dazzling art of **Melody Bogle, Donnelle Clark, Skip Deems, Joyful Enriquez, Hayley Green, Tim Harbeson, Linda Kernick, Rosalyn O'Grady, Mary Redmann, Kathleen Schumacher, Beachcomber veteran Shelly Swanger, Jenna Varney and Krista Vind.** All are members of the Cultural Arts Alliance, and each will offer work for sale.

The Foster Gallery is located at 585 Grand Boulevard, Suite N102, next to Fusion Art Glass.

DEC. 7. ADSO CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY
Experience art auction, holiday decorations, treats made by ADSO members, and a potluck dinner from 6 to 8 PM. Call 850-244-1271 or visit artsdesignsociety.org for more info.

DEC. 7. RISING TIDES ART SHOW BENEFIT AT MONET MONET, GRAYTON BEACH
Artists helping artists affected by Hurricane Michael. The event runs from 5 to 9 PM and includes art by local favorites **Mary Hong, Justin Gaffrey, Andy Saczynski, Franko "Washboard" Jackson, Eileen West, Heather Clements** and more. Plus live music, *hors d'oeuvres* and cash bar, with all sales supporting The Artists of Panama City. More info at BeGraytful.com.

DEC. 9. HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA AT CAMILLE'S AT CRYSTAL BEACH, DESTIN
From 10 AM to 4 PM, enjoy live music from **Dean Sadowski** and **Blake Griffiths**, food and drink specials, and wine tasting. Plus art by **Libbo Morgan, Courtney Knight** and **Beth Watkins**.

ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Watersound, 561-985-5767. Email adaro.art@gmail.com or visit adaroart.com for more info.

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ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY Features art shows by local and regional artists. Open afternoons Tuesday through Saturday. Shows change monthly. Art classes and workshops in various media. 17 First Street SE, Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-1271. www.artsdesignsociety.org.

CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY features the art of South Walton's 2018 Artist of the Year **Kathleen Broaderick**. Browse Kathleen's original oil paintings in the gallery or take a boutique paint class in Kathleen's studio. Kathleen offers oil painting workshops featuring her energetic, loose and colorful

style, as well as acrylic paint classes for artists and non-artists alike. The CHROMA Studio & Gallery is a place where guests will feel comfortable expressing themselves and finding joy in art. CHROMA is located at 3925 West County Highway 30A in Santa Rosa Beach (just west of Goatfeathers restaurant). Visit www.CHROMA30A.com or call 1-844-5-CHROMA for more information.

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THE JUSTIN GAFFREY GALLERY features the coastal contemporary paintings and sculptures of local artist Justin Gaffrey. Visit the gallery to browse through Justin's coastal landscape, floral, and still-life paintings or stroll through the sculpture garden to view the various welded steel sculptures. Justin is most recognized for his heavily textured, heavy bodied acrylic, palette knife paintings of the local landscape, florals, and wildlife. The Justin Gaffrey Gallery is located at 21 Blue Gulf Drive along

Scenic highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Visit justingaffrey.com or stop by the gallery Monday through Saturday from 10 AM to 6 PM. Follow the Justin Gaffrey Gallery on Facebook and Instagram to see Justin's most recent creations.

MARY HONG GALLERY Located in Grayton Beach (Shops of Grayton), Destin (next to Ulta and Michael's), Nashville (4th and Union next to DoubleTree Hotel) and on Magazine Street in New Orleans. Mary Hong, the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year, has been featured in over 10 publications and has appeared on *Emeril's Florida* TV show and HGTV's *House Hunters*. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at The Shard Shop, located adjacent to or inside her gallery locations. Classes are offered four to five times a day, and there is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Grayton Beach gallery open seven days a week, 9:30 AM-5 PM 850-231-1416. MaryHongStudio.com.

THE SHARD SHOP open seven days a week, 9:15 AM-4 PM. 850-231-0544. ShardShop.com/Grayton. Destin gallery and Shard Shop open seven days a week, 9 AM-7 PM. 850-842-4440. ShardShop.com/Destin.

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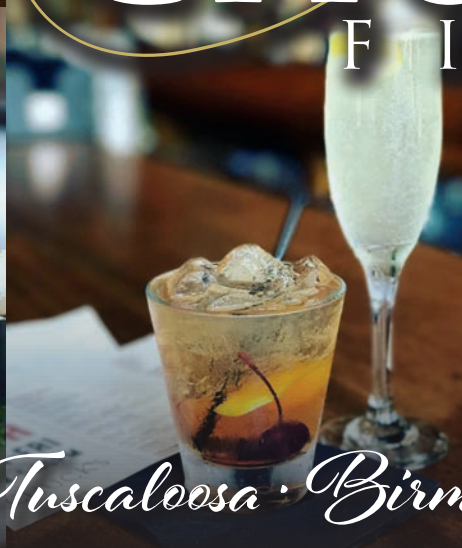


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A Few Questions for Chris Mann

Chris Mann from NBC's *The Voice* joins Sinfonia Gulf Coast's full orchestra Friday, **Dec. 14**, 7:30 PM, at Village Baptist Church in Destin. In a concert that is perfect for the entire family, Mr. Mann—who played the lead in the national tour of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Phantom of the Opera* and appeared in several acclaimed PBS holiday specials—will inspire you with his vocal range in so many of the most cherished songs of the season.

For tickets and more information, visit www.SinfoniaGulfCoast.org or call 850-460-8800.

What is it about Christmas music that inspires you?

I love Christmas music so much. It's very nostalgic and reminds me of home and family. I'm excited to come perform with Sinfonia Gulf Coast and bring some of these classics to life. I'm also bringing a few arrangements that will rock out a bit which is always fun.

Christmas music has some of the best melodies ever written. That's why they've been recorded thousands of times and are loved all over the world. It's fun, as a singer, to get to put your own spin on these songs to help ring in the holidays.

What is your favorite Christmas memory?

I always celebrated Christmas with my family at my grandparents' house in Kansas. My grandfather was a singer but didn't talk about it



much. After he was gone, we found a stack of his old demo recordings in the basement. He had gone to LA from Kansas as a teenager to try and make it in film and music and recorded some incredible songs. I thought they were Tony Bennett recordings, but they were my grandfather! Finding those was one of my favorite holiday memories.

What are your favorite Christmas albums?

My favorite Christmas recordings are the classics—Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Nat "King" Cole. I also love Pentatonix and Celine Dion's Christmas albums. They're kind of like the new classics.

The Record That Changed My Life: Heather Hedrick

Trying to pick a favorite isn't easy. Music will always be a part of my life.

I think the one I love most is Black Sabbath, especially the first album. Some call it the first doom metal. Nothing moves me as much as this type of music. It speaks to my soul.

Heather Hedrick is the co-founder of the wildly successful Kite Film Fest, among other things.



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Liat Cohen, et al.

Paris – Madrid
Warner Classics



Franco-Israeli classical guitarist Liat Cohen joins Rolando Villazon (tenor), Charles Castronovo (tenor), and Sandrine Piau (soprano) to form an international quartet on *Paris – Madrid*. The 29 tracks include vocal and instrumental works by French and Spanish (and Basque) composers Faure, Ravel, Massenet,

Falla, Albeniz, Rodrigo, Granados and others. The performances are by turns romantic, impressionistic, meditative and dramatic—as only a Spanish/French collaboration could be. Cohen is definitely in the driver's seat, managing both to lead and follow the vocalists, and they hold their own. You could ponder away your whole day reflecting on the sheer technique exhibited here.

- Bruce Collier

John Legend

A Legendary Christmas
Columbia



John Legend has a Christmas album to go with his NBC special with spouse Chrissy Teigen. The cover art harks back to albums by Bing Crosby and Johnny Mathis in the '50s and '60s, but this is more than just an obligatory yuletide exercise. It starts brilliantly, with Stevie Wonder (68 years old) joining Legend on "What Christmas Means to Me." What follows includes standards like "Silver Bells," Mel Torme's "Christmas Song" and Vince Guaraldi's "Christmas Time is Here." Legend has big band charm and the warmest voice since Nat "King" Cole. Esperanza Spalding also guests, which clinches the deal.

- Bruce Collier

Brian Newman

Showboat

Verve
Jazz trumpeter Brian Newman shoots the works on *Showboat*. The 11-track album's cover art suggests straightahead or even smooth jazz, but Newman offers songs by Tom Waits ("Jockey Full of Bourbon"), Thin Lizzy, Beck, and a bunch of



other rock-pop-jazz artists you wouldn't think would fit together. If that doesn't interest you, he duets Benny Benjamin's "Please Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood" with Lady Gaga (a pal and touring collaborator from way back). Newman's style is wide-open, bold and high-flying, like vintage Freddie Hubbard. He seems equally comfortable with rock, Latin, and Vegas-style cabaret. If you like samplers, sample this.

- Bruce Collier

Precubed

Three

Independent



Pensacola's Precubed is what happens when post-rock and '80s synth have a glorious love child. It's an instrumental endeavor about crafting soundscapes, whether it's the John Carpenteresque "Epaulette" or "Silver Mountain," which could easily accompany an epic space-related video game boss battle. Precubed seems to have a varied group of influences, spawning music that straddles between many worlds and musical genres.

- Nikki Hedrick

Jesh Yancey

Livers and Diers

Independent



With southern characteristics held tight and a focus on storytelling, Yancey invites everyone to pull up a barstool and soak in his homespun wisdom. This full-length release nicely frames Yancey as one of the region's most sought-after singer-songwriters. Twangy enough to entice country fans and with a few upbeat licks to hook rock fans, Yancey hopes you get off your keister and continue to be a Liver.

- Nikki Hedrick

EDITOR'S CHOICE

Alejandro Escovedo
The Crossing

Yep Roc



Every morning when I wake up, the first words out of my mouth are "Thank God for Bruce Collier," because he reviewed one of this season's new Christmas releases so I wouldn't have to. Not that I don't like holiday music, but the only new LP I've spent any time with this month is Rodney Crowell's—a good one, but it requires a few more spins for me to get my heart and head around it. Meantime, check out the latest from Mr. Escovedo, who continues to charge forward musically, lyrically and thematically. If Christmas truly is about compassion, the songs on *The Crossing* are essential listening this time of the year.

- Chris Manson

UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

DEC. 7

AFI, *The Missing Man*

Coldplay, *Live in Buenos Aires/Live in Sao Paulo/A Head Full of Dreams**

Manic Street Preachers, *This Is My Truth Tell Me Yours: 20 Year Collectors' Edition**

Paul McCartney/Wings, *Wild Life + Red Rose Speedway**. Macca's 1971 and 1973 LPs, respectively, in the form of lavish CD/DVD/Blu-ray box sets.

John Mellencamp, *Other People's Stuff**

Van Morrison, *The Prophet Speaks**

Eddie Palmieri, *Mi Luz Mayor*

Brett Young, *Ticket to L.A.**

Mary Poppins Returns (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack). With Emily Blunt, Lin-Manuel Miranda.

DEC. 14

Dennis Coffey, *Live at Baker's*. Previously unreleased 2006 concert recording.

The Decemberists, *Traveling On**

Lady Gaga, *The Fame (10th Anniversary Limited Edition USB)*

Bruce Springsteen, *Springsteen on Broadway*. Companion piece to the Boss' Netflix special.

Swiss Beatz, *POISON*

Mitchell Tenpenny, *Telling All My Secrets**

Unicorn, *Laughing Up Your Sleeve**

Venom, *Storm the Gates**

Within Temptation, *Resist*

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Live Music

Musicians and venues: Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com to get your gigs listed here.

THURSDAY, DEC. 6

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 PM

BAXTER'S BAR & GRILLE, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 8 PM-Midnight

CAMILLE'S, Destin,
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 5:30-9:30 PM

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
Open Jam, 7-11 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 4-7 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN' JACK, 5 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 PM
Ladies Night

FRIDAY, DEC. 7

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 PM

DEWEY DESTIN'S HARBORSIDE RESTAURANT, Destin
KYLE LaMONICA, 6-9 PM (1835 Porch Bar)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Panama City
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FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
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CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 8 PM

JIMMY'S JUKEBOX, Fort Walton Beach
BOB CUSHING, 9 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
LEFTY COLLINS, 5 PM

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
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RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
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SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

S.R.O., Niceville
QWERTY, 9 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Friday Night Originals, 7 PM

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 PM

BUSTER'S BEER AND BAIT, Panama City Beach
BOB CUSHING, 5 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
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KYLE BRADY, 5 PM

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RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

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SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

SANDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

SUNDAY, DEC. 9

AJ'S, Destin
JONES AND COMPANY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ'S, Grayton Beach
THE PICKLED PICKERS, 4-8 PM

CAMILLE'S, Destin,
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DEAN SADOWSKI – BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 10 AM-4 PM
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EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH, 5:30-9:30 PM

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
Downtown Church Service, 11:30 AM-1 PM
HOPE GIVEN, 1-4 PM

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

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Still crushing it at the age of 82, the legendary singer-songwriter Kris Kristofferson delivered two sets of crowd-pleasing compositions from his vast catalog. Backed by the late great Merle Haggard’s band The Strangers, he also threw in more than a few Hag classics.

Somehow it all worked, and if I had to sacrifice “Moment of Forever” for, say, “I Think I’ll Just Stay Here and Drink,” it was well worth the two-hour-plus drive to and from downtown Mobile.

The Saenger is a great venue, classy and classic. We saw Bonnie Raitt here a few years ago, and every seat in the house is a good one unless you’re trying to snap photos of the stage from your outdated smartphone.

Anyway, I grew up with Mr. Kristofferson—his wobbly guest hosting gig from the first season of *Saturday Night Live* is the stuff of legend, and you should dial it up on Hulu—but didn’t really appreciate him as an artist until I heard

Broken Freedom Song: Live from San Francisco 15 years ago. One of the best live albums ever.

Mr. Kristofferson gave this crowd what they came for—enduring classic after classic, including “Me and Bobby McGee,” “Help Me Make It Through the Night,” “Sunday Morning Coming Down,” and, thank Jesus, “Why Me Lord” and “Here Comes That Rainbow Again.” I hope my singing along didn’t bother the nice folks seated next to me too much.

Unlike the 2003 concert album, this show contained very little, if any, between-song commentary (no politics, no mention of the recent *A Star Is Born* remake). There was no encore, either—too bad, because there were still about two-dozen songs I would’ve liked to have heard.

Discover more at **KrisKristofferson.com**, and for God’s sake, get off your ass and go see him next time he’s in town.

- Chris Manson

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THE STEENOS with FRANKO “WASHBOARD” JACKSON, 11 AM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

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Bands and Brews: Hurricane Michael Relief Event, 3 PM

30A HORSE FARM AT ARNETT’S GULFSIDE, Santa Rosa Beach
Karuna 30a Hurricane Relief Event with BOUKOU GROOVE, FORREST WILLIAMS, THE GRAYTONES, QWERTY, MARC HARRIS, BILLY GARRETT, FRANKO “WASHBOARD” JACKSON and More, 12:30-8:30 PM
Plus—sleigh rides, photos with Santa, face painting, s’mores station, and a performance of Every Christmas Story Ever Told by The REP Theatre. Tickets are \$10. Learn more at Facebook.com/Karuna30a.

MONDAY, DEC. 10

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Blues Jam, 7-10 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TUESDAY, DEC. 11

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 PM

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH, 5:30-9:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
DREAM WORLD, 7 PM

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM
Taco Tuesday

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SANDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

3RD PLANET BREWING MOTHERSHIP, Niceville
Open Mic – Music of Bob Dylan, 6-9 PM
Local musicians perform their favorite songs by the Maestro. Can we request that somebody do “Band of the Hand”?

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
NICEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL’S OPUS ONE, 6 PM
Wednesday Night Concert Series – Holiday Edition

THURSDAY, DEC. 13

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 PM

BAXTER’S BAR & GRILLE, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 8 PM-Midnight

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 5:30-9:30 PM

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
Open Jam, 7-11 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
SIMPLY D’VYNE, 7 PM

GROWLER GARAGE 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 4-7 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN’ JACK, 5 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 PM
Ladies Night

FRIDAY, DEC. 14

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 PM

CLUB LA, Destin
P.O.D. – 10 YEARS – NONPOINT – SALIVA, 7 PM
Tickets available at RockDestin.com.

DEWEY DESTIN’S HARBORSIDE RESTAURANT, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-9 PM (1835 Porch Bar)

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 8 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5 PM

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

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Boys & Girls Clubs Christmas Concert Rescheduled for Dec. 20

The Boys & Girls Clubs announces a new date for its first annual Merry Little Christmas Concert. Celebrate the season of giving by joining the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast for a holiday-themed concert Thursday, **Dec. 20**, at 6 PM at the South Walton Club.

Local musicians, including **Jacob Mohr** and Beachcomber Music Award winner **Chris Alvarado**, will take the stage and perform the season’s favorite holiday tunes.

“This concert is the perfect event to kick off the holiday season,” says **Shervin Rassa** of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast. “The artists we’ve lined up are local favorites, and I’m excited to hear their versions of Christmas classics.”

General Admission (\$35) and VIP (\$50) tickets are available for the event, and all guests will enjoy heavy *hors d’oeuvres*. Additionally, VIP guests get reserved seating and a complimentary glass of champagne. A cash bar will also be available.

Concertgoers can get a jump on holiday shopping with an incredible silent auction, featuring gift options for everyone on your list.

A portion of the event proceeds will benefit The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bay County in an effort to revitalize programs impacted by Hurricane Michael.

“The funds generated from this event will help us continue to work within the community,” says Mr. Rassa. “Because of support from events like this, we’re able to build great futures through a variety of programs for the children who come to the clubs.”


As details come together for this event, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast is still seeking sponsorships. To learn about the opportunities for your business to get involved, please contact **info@thehivecreativeconsulting.com**.


To purchase tickets, visit **EmeraldCoastBGC.org**.
- Carly Harmer

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THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SAENGER THEATRE, Pensacola
SARA EVANS, 7 PM

S.R.O., Niceville
BOB CUSHING, 9 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Friday Night Originals, 7 PM

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH, Destin
SINFONIA GULF COAST with Special Guest CHRIS MANN from NBC's *The Voice*, 7:30-9:30 PM
Tickets to the holiday pops performance start at \$29.50 and can be purchased at SinfoniaGulfCoast.org

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
ROSHAMBEATLES, 8 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
JOHN KEULER, 5 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

SANDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

SUNDAY, DEC. 16

AJ'S, Destin
JONES AND COMPANY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ'S, Grayton Beach
THE PICKLED PICKERS, 3-7 PM

CAMILLE'S, Destin,
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH, 5:30-9:30 PM

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
Downtown Church Service, 11:30-1 AM
HOPE GIVEN, 1-4 PM

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 7-10 PM

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 AM-3 PM and 7-10 PM

SGT. EARL'S TAVERN, Milton
BOB CUSHING, 2 PM

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 AM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

MONDAY, DEC. 17

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ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

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THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
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TUESDAY, DEC. 18

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BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 PM

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH, 5:30-9:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
DREAM WORLD, 7 PM

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM
Taco Tuesday

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Open Mic Live, 7-10 PM

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

CAMILLE'S, Destin,
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SANDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
MATT McCARTY, 6 PM
Wednesday Night Concert Series – Holiday Edition

PET OF THE ISSUE

Tucker

Submitted by Robin Wiesneth



Young Tucker in 2009.

Tucker Wiesneth began his adventures in July 2009 as a tiny abandoned kitten. Left in a box in front of Destin Cat Clinic, scared and crying, Dr. Flynn "tucked" him in her pocket to keep him warm. The name stuck. At about 18 weeks, Tucker became a part of the Wiesneth family.

"A Caribbean pirate, skilled camper, and lifelong adventure cat, he was once lost in Alaska for 14 days," Robin tells Beachcomber. "Tucker is approaching the ripe old age of 10 next year and is currently working on his memoir. By working, I mean dictating his colorful life story to his favorite human, Robin."



Charles Wiesneth and Tucker in 2011.



Robin spies on Tucker, the latter in full-on pirate mode.

Submit your best friend for a future Pet of the Issue feature! Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

Events

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/websites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your Dec. 20 and beyond events by 5 PM Thursday, **Dec. 13**, or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email **chris@beachcomberdestin.com**.

Note: The next edition of Beachcomber will be out for four weeks instead of the usual two, **Dec. 20-Jan. 16, 2019**.

THROUGH SATURDAY, FEB. 2, 2019

BAYTOWNE ON ICE
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin
BaytowneWharf.com
Hours vary daily.

THROUGH SATURDAY, JAN. 5, 2019

FOOD-FOR-FINES
Destin Library
850-837-8572
Library patrons can bring nonperishable food items to pay off overdue fines while supporting Harvest House of Destin, Inc. Each food or personal hygiene item is equivalent to \$1 in fines.

THURSDAY, DEC. 6

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 5:30-8 PM
EmeraldGrande.com
Celebrate with festive food, music and a grand Menorah lighting.

GABBY'S SIXTH ANNUAL SOCKS HOLIDAY PARTY
Save Our Cats and Kittens (SOCKS) Thrift Store, Fort Walton Beach, 6-8:30 PM
SaveOurCatsAndKittens.com
Celebrate the holidays with Gabby and Ace and enjoy 50 percent off just about everything in the SOCKS store. Plus—wine, beer, finger foods, festive desserts and silent auction.

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7

12 NIGHTS OF LIGHTS
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6, 7 and 9 PM
BaytowneWharf.com
Three FREE dazzling light shows on the Village Christmas tree.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

CITY OF DESTIN 34TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE
10 AM
CityOfDestin.com

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET
Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM
GrandBoulevard.com

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
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SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET
Seaside, 8 AM
SeasideFL.com

12 NIGHTS OF LIGHTS
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6, 7 and 9 PM
BaytowneWharf.com
Three FREE dazzling light shows on the Village Christmas tree.

VISITS WITH SANTA
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 1-4 PM
EmeraldGrande.com
Share your list with Mr. Claus, then drop it in HarborWalk's special mailbox to the North Pole. For every letter received, \$1 will be donated to a local children's charity.

Donations will also be accepted for **PanhandleRelief.org** and Volunteer Florida. Items needed include blankets, cleaning supplies, sleeping bags, tents, work gloves, winter jackets and clothes for kids, hygiene products and towels.

YULE OF YESTERYEAR – A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, 10 AM-4 PM
Heritage-Museum.org
Musical performances by local choirs, dancers, Walton Guard Civil War re-enactors, historic craft demonstrations, kids' activities, and more. FREE admission to the museum all day. Interested vendors are asked to call 850-678-2615 or email **info@heritage-museum.org**.

SUNDAY, DEC. 9

BILLY CLAUD AND THE LULUBELLES
Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Destin, 1 PM
LuLuBuffett.com/Destin
Billy Claus is Santa's warm weather-loving brother who lives in the Caribbean but comes this way to help Santa during the holiday season. The LuLuBelles are Billy's version of Santa's elves. Billy will arrive in style at 2 PM and visit with children.

Billy and the LuLuBelles will be available for photos with the children. In addition to kids' arts and crafts activities, there will be a reading of *Billy Claus and the Spirit of Christmas*, written by Lucy Buffett. For more info, call 850-710-5858.

HOLIDAY ON THE HARBOR AND DESTIN HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 1-8 PM
EmeraldGrande.com
Visit with Santa starting at 1 PM, then enjoy a special performance of *The Nutcracker* by the **Ballet Conservatory of the Destin School of Music & Dance** at 4:45. The boat parade starts at 6, followed by fireworks and a fire spinning show on the HarborWalk stage.

SUNDAY MARKET
Gulf Place on 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 4-8 PM
GulfPlaceFL.com
Artwork, candles, food and more from Emerald Coast artisans.

30A FARMERS MARKET
Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM
Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

MONDAY, DEC. 10

DANCE-EXERCISE
Destin Community Center, 7-8 PM
An easy, intuitive way to exercise through dance. Movements come from modern dance, yoga and Tai Chi. Stretch, pull, spin...be creative. Robert instructs. Open to men and women of all ages. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$3 for non-residents.

TAI CHI WITH BARBARA REZMER
Destin Library, 9 AM
850-837-8572

Ms. Rezmer is a certified Tai Chi for Health instructor. Cost per class is \$5. Limited to 12 participants—call to preregister or drop by the library.

TUESDAY, DEC. 11

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HARRY POTTER YULE BALL
Destin Library, 6 PM
850-837-8572
Witches and wizards of all ages are invited to dress in their house colors and enjoy this festive day. If you haven't been sorted yet, the Sorting Hat will be there to assign a house. Games and activities inspired by J.K. Rowling's popular book series include trivia, a library-wide scavenger hunt, and magical holiday crafts. For more info, send an owl to the library or use your Muggle phone to call the number above.

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Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
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FRIDAY, DEC. 14

ICE SKATING EXTRAVAGANZA
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6 and 7:30 PM
BaytowneWharf.com
Baytowne on Ice hosts FREE performances by Team USA member and five-time national competitor **Emma Phibbs** and *Disney on Ice* veteran **Evan Roberts**.

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GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET
Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM
GrandBoulevard.com

HOLIDAY VICTORIAN TEA
Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, 2 PM
Heritage-Museum.org
Learn about Victorian era tea, etiquette, costumes and other holiday traditions while enjoying a variety of teas and light refreshments. Cost is \$16 per person (\$13 for museum members). Call 850-678-2615 to make reservations.

KIDS' CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
Destin Library, 10 AM-Noon
850-837-8572



This FREE event for children ages 4 to 12 (and their parents) gives kids a choice between creating a reindeer clothespin ornament, candy cane antler ornament, or prancing reindeer ornament.



*Lisa R. Miller Animal Photography
For
Alaqua Animal Refuge*

Shobe is Alaqua Animal Refuge's latest Pet of the Week, and you can read more about him at BeachcomberDestin.com. Plus lots of other good stuff, too.
Photo by Lisa R. Miller Animal Photography.

Events

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SANTA CLAUS PUB CRAWL
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 6 PM-Midnight
EmeraldGrande.com
Wear your best (or worst) holiday threads and enjoy libations and festive cheer. Passes are \$10 and available at **EventBrite.com**. Proceeds benefit **Junior League of the Emerald Coast** and Hurricane Michael relief efforts. Stick around for the Ugly Christmas Sweater contest on the main stage at 9 PM.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET
Seaside, 8 AM
SeasideFL.com

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30A FARMERS MARKET
Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM
Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

VISITS WITH SANTA AND SANTA PAWS PET PICTURES
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 1-4 PM
EmeraldGrande.com
Share your list with Mr. Claus, then drop it in HarborWalk’s special mailbox to the North Pole. For every letter received, \$1 will be donated to a local children’s charity.

Bring your pets for a FREE photo with Santa.

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TUESDAY, DEC. 18
DEWEY DESTIN’S FLORIDA CRAFT SPIRITS PAIRING
Dewey Destin’s Harborside, Destin, 6-8 PM
A fun-filled night featuring Florida craft spirits paired with some of Dewey Destin’s delicious small plates. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Purchase at the restaurant’s hostess stand.

MEET SANTA CLAUS
Destin Library, 10 PM
Gulfcoastsanta.com
Enjoy a Christmas story read by the man himself, along with holiday treats, crafts and music. Plus photo opportunities—parents, bring your cameras!

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TUESDAY, JAN. 1, 2019
TENTH ANNUAL PENGUIN PLUNGE AND PADDLE
Juana’s Pagodas and Sailors’ Grill, Navarre Beach, 12:30 PM
Show off your paddleboard skills at 12:30, then take a brave plunge into the Santa Rosa Sound at 1:30. After that, enjoy complimentary food and drink in the Juana’s beach tent, along with live music, awards and raffle. Proceeds benefit the **Santa Rosa Kids House** and **Emerald Coast Children’s Advocacy Center**.

Entry fee for the plunge starts at \$20 per person and the SUP adventure starts at \$30 per person. Register at **juanaspagodas.com**.



Northwest Florida State College in Niceville celebrates the grand opening and ribbon cutting for Raider Central, part of the college's reimagined Student Success Center where students can receive all services (admissions, enrollment, etc.) in one location.

From left—NWFSC trustee Maj. Gen. Don Latke, USAF (Ret.); NWFSC Student Government Association president Drew Hannah; NWFSC trustee Charlotte Flynt; NWFSC Board of Trustees chair Brian Pennington; NWFSC president Dr. Devin Stephenson; Florida College System Director of Learning, Innovation and Success Dr. Angela Long; and NWFSC Board of Trustees vice-chair Maj. Gen. Rudy Wright, USAF (Ret.).

Photo submitted by Drew Bowman.

Beachside Worship Services

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA 1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 AM Sundays, communion service second and fourth Sundays, morning prayer, first and third Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH Mass schedule (through Sept. 30)—Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM; Saturday, confessions from 4 to 4:30 PM, mass at 5 PM; daily mass Monday through Friday, 8 AM; First Friday Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM; First Saturday Mass, 8 AM Holy Days of Obligation, 8 AM and 6:30 PM 307 Beach Drive, Destin.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services—7:30 AM beach services at Henderson Beach State Park, Destin Crab Trap, and the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk; 9:30 AM Xalt service (contemporary) at Destin Life Center; 9:30 AM harbor worship service at Brotula’s in Destin; 11 AM traditional service at the Sanctuary; 5:30 PM sunset beach service at Henderson Beach State Park. Call 850-837-2021 or visit **DestinUMC.org**.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 AM Nursery and children’s church is available.

Wednesday bible study at 7 PM Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN Sunday bible study at 9:15 AM, worship service at 10:30 AM, prayer group at 5 PM Wednesday supper at 6 PM, followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE Sunday services at 10 AM and Wednesdays at 6 PM 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services 8:50 AM, traditional worship 9:45 AM Sunday school, 11 AM, contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday worship service, 9:30 AM Sunday school for kids, confirmation class for youth, and adult bible study, 10:45 AM 4325 Commons Drive, Destin, 850-654-1679.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Beach worship at 8 AM at Ed Walline Park, intersection of

Scenic Highway 30A and CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Vintage service at 10:15 AM at 3834 U.S. 98 West. For more info, call Pastor Jason Scheler at 850-267-0322 or email **pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org**.

NICEVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday bible study at 9 AM, worship at 10 AM. Sunday evening service, 5 PM. Mid-week bible study Wednesdays at 7 PM. 801 John Sims Parkway East, Niceville. 850-678-2911.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday vigil mass, 5 PM; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 AM; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 AM and 6 PM; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 AM; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 PM or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday school at 9:30 AM, worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 PM year round. Sunday services at 8 AM, 10 AM and 5 PM Holy Day

services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. **www.saintritaparish.org**.

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH Interdenominational service 10 AM Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

SHORELINE CHURCH Non-denominational Sunday services at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 AM Check out our new location at 140 Palmetto Street in Destin, in the old Nighttown building. **www.shorelinechurch.net**.

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Service at 10 AM Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

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ST. SIMON’S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 AM and 5 PM 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

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EDUCATIONAL

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30A FARMERS MARKETS Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.

- **GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS' MARKET AT SANDESTIN** 600 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays year-round, 9 AM-1 PM
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GOLF

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PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK NW of FWB off Hwy. 90. You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children's playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

CESSNA BAY Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK This park is named after one of Destin's early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

DUNE ALLEN In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

ED WALLINE A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK An historic homestead under majestic, moss-draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 AM with the last tour at 3 PM The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 AM to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information.

GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA Camping, picnics, hiking, swimming, saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

GRAYTON DUNES Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

GULF SHORE MANOR Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A, Seagrave Beach.

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather's restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

INLET BEACH This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

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Memories of Holidays Past

By Samantha Lambert

It doesn't matter what you celebrate, it's the most wonderful time of the year. Lights and decorations are up, singing is heard everywhere, and merriment ensues. Traditions flourish.

I have lots of memories of Christmas past. One that sticks out in my mind is being scared of the big jolly guy in red. When I was a little girl, I would hide under the clothes rack at department stores when Santa Claus was close by, and under my bed when my Mom would have him visit our house on Christmas Eve.

Another memory is receiving the popular board game "Mystery Date" back in 1966 when I was nine. Monkees records were high on my list when I was 10.



My husband and I started new traditions for our own family when my sons were born. We started taking a family picture every Christmas after our first son was born 27 years ago, and we have 27

family pictures now. We even reenacted one from 1993 years later in 2015.



I also give them an ornament every year that relates to something important to them from that year. They each have their own set of ornaments now.

A lot of my friends also have sweet memories and traditions to share.

Joni Mehling Snyder, Niceville: "As a girl, my mother was obsessed with the perfect Christmas pictures. She rolled my hair on Christmas Eve, and on Christmas morning I had to change into freshly pressed pajamas with a matching robe. Then the rollers came out, and my hair was styled. I finally put my foot down to no more rollers! One of the memories

I miss the most is my father lighting the fireplace before we came out to see what Santa brought."

Chris Hayes, Beachcomber Music Award Winner: "My favorite toy I got as a kid was the Evel Knievel Stunt Cycle and Launcher in 1973. That is worth \$600 on eBay now!"

Charles Rigdon, Destin: "We as a family would go to Christmas Eve service at church, sing Christmas carols, and light candles. Before bedtime, my mom would let my sister Karen and I open one gift which 100 percent of the time was matching pajamas. I mostly remember how loved I felt and how special my mom made our Christmas."

Zack Lewis, Crestview: "My mom and dad gave me a Ludwig 'Black Beauty' snare drum for Christmas in 2006. My little girl Ava was born two months later. Both Ava and this drum set remind me how truly lucky I am to get to be a daddy to my little girl and that I am fortunate enough to have a career in music."

Jodi Beene, Fort Walton Beach: "My favorite dolls I received for Christmas when I was five were Mary Poppins and Chatty Cathy. I still have them."

An Old Friend from Destin Who Wishes to Remain Anonymous: "My older brother would wake me on Christmas Eve by shining a flashlight in my eyes around 2 AM, and we would go see what Santa brought. Also, one year I got a bike for Christmas and I took it to my parents' room to show them. The bike got stuck between the wall and their bed! My father had to get out of bed to get my bike unstuck."

Debbie Floyd-Jackson, Destin: "It is not about tradition but about what the true meaning of Christmas is. When my daughter Ashley was going through cancer treatment, we spent Christmas in the hospital in 2014. It is such a wonderful memory of all the families celebrating Christmas together. Our kids could not go into each other's rooms, so we set up patient tables outside of our rooms with all the food the families had to share with each other.

"Since the hospital was so quiet, the kids were in wheelchairs, holding on to chemo poles racing around laughing and really expressing the real meaning of Christmas. Some knew their children might not see another Christmas, and it seemed like there was magic in the air. We were able to focus on the moment and not the battle going on. The magic was our kids feeling the joy of Christmas. Ashley is now cancer-free."



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Surviving Michael Through Stories, Poetry, Art

By Nikki Hedrick

Hurricane Michael's impact is far greater than the sum of its parts. There is the physical damage—the homes and businesses, the trees missing from the landscape, and the community gathering spots no longer safe to hold laughter or music. Then there are the people—the people who lost it all and continue to find ways to help, share and rebuild.

Panama City's **Tony Simmons** is a well-respected journalist and supporter of the arts. Additionally, he is the author of multiple novels and a founding member of The Syndicate, a collaborative enterprise that gives storytellers an opportunity to see their ideas in print. The Syndicate usually specializes in what Simmons calls "urban fantasy," but Hurricane Michael gave birth to a new anthology rooted deeply in reality, *Survivors: Work Created in the Wake of Hurricane Michael*.

"I've been writing as long as I can remember really," says Simmons. "I was creating comic books when I was in kindergarten. I think I probably have ruined my son because he's followed in those footsteps too. Writing is just in the blood. My mother is a writer. My dad did some writing. It's just in the family."

Simmons continued to write until he found his way into journalism. "I've been here with the *News Herald* for over 25 years now. We made our home here in Panama City, raised the kids here. I kept writing on the side, writing fiction, and managed to have a few things published."

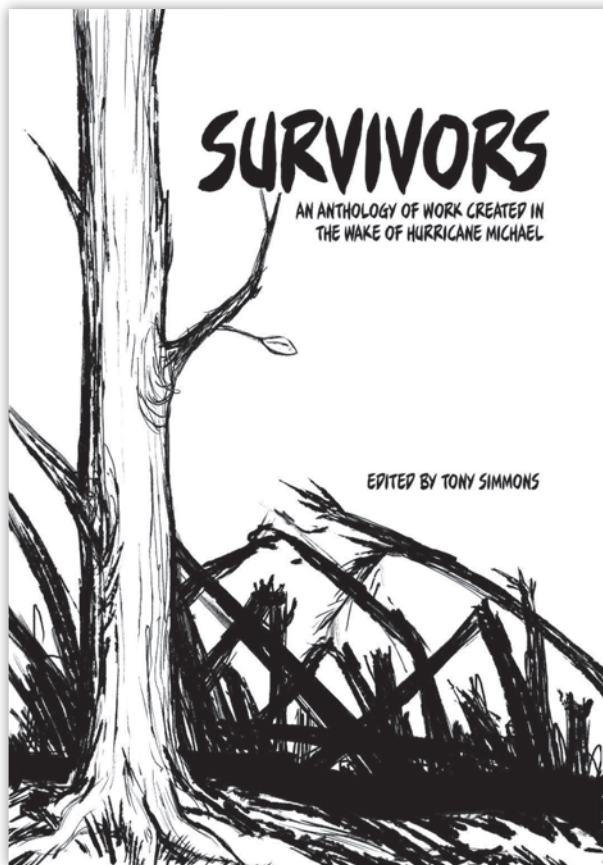
As Amazon created their self-publishing platform, Simmons embraced it as a way to continue releasing his ideas into the world, including a series of books under "The Caliban Cycle" moniker. "It is a story that has been in the back of my head since I was a teenager," he says. "I've written and rewritten and rewritten for 40 years until I finally felt like I got it right and was able to publish the first book a few years back."

Or, to put another way, "It's part of the work that has haunted me through my life."

The idea of The Syndicate was born out of friendship and a shared appreciation in the arts. "Over the years, you collect friends, and we would meet for lunches," says Simmons. "I looked around the table one day and I said, 'We've got writers and artists and graphic designers, and videographers and photographers and editors sitting at this table. We could do a project together.'"

"And so, that was how The Syndicate started to form. Me and some friends that just wanted to do projects together. We all had similar interests in fantastic fiction, sci-fi, horror, and old pulp adventures, those sorts of things."

That set the groundwork for the *Adventures in the Arcane* anthology in 2016, which now spans three volumes. Simmons calls the content "pulp adventure with a paranormal twist, sort of that fantasy and horror element mixed into good old adventure tales. Sort of what I guess would be the urban fantasy of today."



What no one could have guessed was how The Syndicate would be used to document a natural disaster and its aftermath.

Simmons relates how the days after Hurricane Michael were full of difficulties. "We had no phone service, no Internet for days and days. I started trying to check in with my friends and family, and it was really difficult. It was a rough time, but eventually when I did have it, I could sit at the Publix, and use their Wi-Fi. We got on Facebook to let everybody know we had survived, check on people."

"Over the days, people started posting about their experiences. They were putting up photographs they had taken or poems they had written. A lady by the name of Jessica St. Hill, who is an actor, comedian and writer in this community created a Facebook page called The Art of Michael, and started collecting things people had written in response to the story or art they had made or photographs they had taken."

Those were the seeds of the *Survivors* anthology. "I spoke to Jayson Kretzer, who was a member of The Syndicate, one of the founding members. I said, 'We need to do something here. We could put these together in a book form and maybe do some good, raise some money, raise some awareness, remind people what's going on here, and what people are going through. And at the same time, create a record of this moment in time because the further away we get from the storm, the more we're going to try to put things in perspective, the more we're going to be distant from the pain.'"

With the goal of the submissions retaining raw emotion, only a month transpired between the storm and the submission deadline. Simmons notes

how the short deadline, when many still had limited Internet or outside communications, also prevented submitters from second guessing themselves.

"People who have read it have said that they almost read their own experiences in what our writers have created. They saw their own backgrounds in those pictures of downed trees, destroyed fences and broken houses. Even though each one of those stories is very individual, it's also universal. We have all been traumatized by this in similar ways."

Proceeds of *Survivors* will benefit the Northwest Florida United Way. "A local artist mentioned The United Way, that they were here helping organizations before the storm. They were hurt just like everybody else during the storm—bad damage to their buildings, but they're going to be here after the storm, helping organizations all over town."

Digital copies of *Survivors* are available via Amazon, and physical copies can be purchased at The Panama City Center for the Arts, which is doubling as an art gallery for local artists as numerous popular galleries sustained substantial damage.

Learn more at www.pccenterforthearts.com and www.thesyndicategroup.com.

Upcoming Books

DEC. 11

David Ariosto, *This Is Cuba: An American Journalist Under Castro's Shadow*

Robin Cook, *Pandemic*

W.E.B. Griffin and William E. Butterworth IV, *The Enemy of My Enemy: A Clandestine Operations Novel*

DEC. 18

Jeremy Brown, *Influenza: The Hundred Year Hunt to Cure the Deadliest Disease in History*

Rachel Cohn, *My Almost Flawless Tokyo Dream Life*

Heather Demetrios, *Dear Heartbreak: YA Authors and Teens on the Dark Side of Love*

Lauren DeStefano, *The Cursed Sea*

M.K. England, *The Disasters*

Lurlene McDaniel, *The Girl with the Broken Heart*

Taylor Stevens, *Liars' Paradox*

Source: Netgalley.com

Book Signings

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

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Barnes & Noble, Destin,
Noon-4 PM

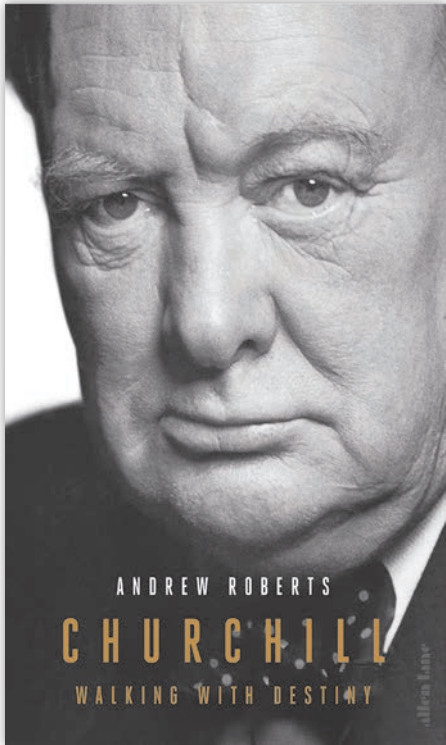
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The local author of historical romance westerns will be featuring her latest book, *Abby's New Life*.



Recommended Reading

Andrew Roberts
Churchill: Walking with Destiny
Viking



Winston Churchill may be tied with Napoleon as the most written-about person in Western civilization. Since historian Andrew Roberts already has several books about Bonaparte under his belt, it's only appropriate he move on to Churchill.

Walking with Destiny is a massive work, drawing from some hitherto unavailable sources. It clears up a few mysteries, debunks some myths, and offers explanations for some

of Churchill's more inexplicable actions. In his time, Churchill's political shifts were condemned as opportunistic. His willingness to honor principle over party makes him mighty appealing these days. And he did call Hitler a "bloodthirsty little guttersnipe."

- Bruce Collier

Book Clubs

TUESDAY, DEC. 11

BOOK LOVERS CLUB
Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 AM
850-267-2809
The club meets on the second Tuesday of the month through May 2019. No registration required, and all interested parties are welcome. This season's list includes Christina Baker Kline's *A Piece of the World*, Kristen Hannah's *The Great Alone*, John Steinbeck's *Travels with Charlie*, Lisa Wingate's *Before We Were Yours*, Celeste Ng's *Little Fires Everywhere*, David Grann's *Killing of the Flower Moon*, Mitch Albom's *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto*, Jodi Picoult's *Small Great Things*, and Helen Simonson's *The Summer Before the War*.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

ALL ABOUT BOOKS
Mary Esther Public Library, 10 AM
850-243-5731

THURSDAY, DEC. 27

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
Mary Esther Public Library, 3:30 PM
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Reviews

First Reformed

Directed by Paul Schrader
Amazon Prime, Apple



One of the best films of the year. Director Paul Schrader, who wrote the film theory book *The Transcendental Style in Film* when he was 24, now employs that style (still camera shots, few cuts, and almost no nondiegetic music allowing the spectator room for the spiritual, contrasted by unexplained mystical imagery at the end) to full, sublime effect at 71.

In this film, Ernst Toller (a revelatory, internalized Ethan Hawke) is a priest who begins asking big questions about our relationship to God in a world where churches, businesses, and politics are complicit in the destruction of God’s creation—the earth. *First Reformed* is not a film for everyone. The questions it raises (especially by its startling, gloriously ambiguous ending) may enlighten or offend. Nevertheless, informed by Bergman’s *Winter Light*, Bresson’s *Diary of a Country Priest*, and Dreyer’s *Ordet*, Schrader’s *First Reformed* renews our faith in the possibility of filmmaking in our day to transcend the mundane.

- Dr. David C. Simmons

Green Book

Directed by Peter Farrelly
In Theaters

A marvelously uplifting film based on the lives of the famous black concert pianist, Dr. Don Shirley (a charming Mahershala Ali), and his Italian driver, Tony Lip (a rough-around-the-edges Viggo Mortensen). As they tour southern states in 1962, they are forced to navigate foreign intersections of

race, class, gender and sexuality while considering the invisible traffic lights of privilege.
- Dr. David C. Simmons

EDITOR'S CHOICE

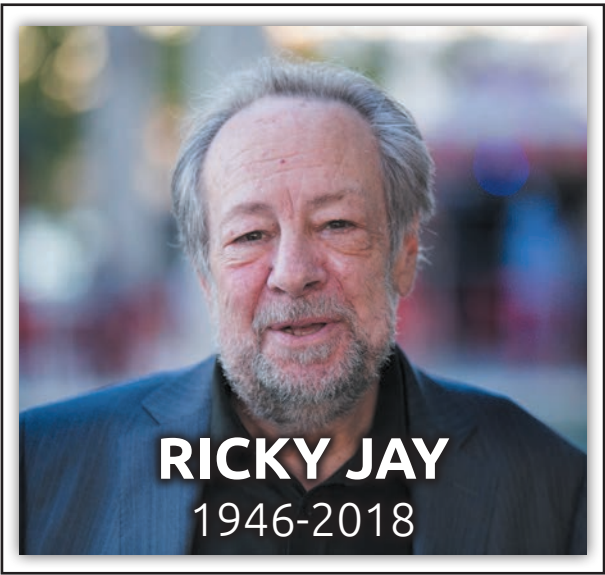
The Ballad of Buster Scruggs

Directed by Joel Coen and Ethan Coen
Netflix



Because it has Brendan Gleeson (*Paddington 2*, *Mr. Mercedes*) in it. Because each of the six episodes is better than the one before it. Because it plays like *The Coen Brothers’ Greatest Hits*. Because Tom Waits and Saul Rubinek are in it. Because it’s a work of art.

- Chris Manson



OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

DEC. 14
Mortal Engines. Post-apocalyptic fun in London.

The Mule. Clint Eastwood portrays a desperate man who signs on as a drug courier for a Mexican cartel.

Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse

DEC. 19
Mary Poppins Returns. Emily Blunt, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Meryl Streep.

They Shall Not Grow Old. World War I documentary featuring never-before-seen footage...until now!!

Source: Metacritic.com

LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

TUESDAY, DEC. 18
MARC FORSTER'S "FINDING NEVERLAND"
Destin Library, 2 PM
850-837-8572



Johnny Depp stars as writer James Matthew Barrie (*Peter Pan*) in this historical (and heartwarming) drama. FREE screening presented by the Friends Guild of the Destin Library. First-come, first-served seating.

UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

DEC. 7
Dumplin’. Jennifer Aniston, Danielle Macdonald. Netflix.

DEC. 11
The Equalizer 2. Denzel Washington, Melissa Leo, Bill Pullman.

Peppermint. Jennifer Garner.

Unbroken: Path to Redemption. Samuel Hunt.

DEC. 16
Springsteen on Broadway. Netflix.

DEC. 18
En el Septimo Dia (On the Seventh Day). Acclaimed soccer drama from writer-director Jim McKay, set amongst undocumented workers living in Sunset Park, Brooklyn.

Fahrenheit 11/9. Oh, shut the f&%* up, Michael Moore.

The House with a Clock in Its Walls. Jack Black, Cate Blanchett.

Source: metacritic.com



Enjoy dinner and wine with the cast of Emerald Coast Theatre Company's *IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE* Sunday, Dec. 16, at Vin'tij in Grand Boulevard at Sandestin. The show runs through Dec. 23 in Miramar Beach.

Stage > Upcoming Stage Shows

THURSDAY, DEC. 6

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560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org
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Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$28 for seniors 55-plus, students and military. Purchase online or call 850-684-0323.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7

FORT WALTON BEACH COMMUNITY CHORUS PRESENTS "CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES"
Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 7 PM
FWBCC.org

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Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium

The chorus celebrates its 43rd season with holiday favorites like "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch," "Sisters" (from *White Christmas*) and more. Enjoy high-tech lighting effects, colorful costumes, brilliant dance numbers and an appearance from Santa himself.

Tickets are available online, at the door, and at the following locations—Alphy's Catfish House, Connect with Flowers, and Eagle's Nest. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Chorus Scholarship Program for area high school graduating seniors pursuing college music education degrees.

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

FORT WALTON BEACH COMMUNITY CHORUS PRESENTS "CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES"
Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 7 PM
FWBCC.org

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SUNDAY, DEC. 9

FORT WALTON BEACH COMMUNITY CHORUS PRESENTS "CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES"
Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 3 PM
FWBCC.org

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 2 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

THURSDAY, DEC. 13
FRIDAY, DEC. 14
SATURDAY, DEC. 15

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

SUNDAY, DEC. 16

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 2 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org
A special dinner with the cast at Vin'tij Food & Wine is scheduled for 4 PM. Cost is \$100 per person, and you can purchase tickets online.

THURSDAY, DEC. 20

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM
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12.06	Sunrise	6:29am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:45pm	Low	7:00am
	Moon	2%	High	8:54pm
12.07	Sunrise	6:30am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:45pm	Low	7:46am
	Moon	0%	High	9:29pm
12.08	Sunrise	6:31am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:46pm	Low	8:33am
	Moon	0%	High	10:05pm
12.09	Sunrise	6:31am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:46pm	Low	9:19am
	Moon	2%	High	10:42pm
12.10	Sunrise	6:32am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:46pm	Low	10:02am
	Moon	5%	High	11:17pm
12.11	Sunrise	6:33am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:46pm	Low	10:39am
	Moon	11%	High	11:48am
12.12	Sunrise	6:33am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:46pm	Low	11:07am
	Moon	17%		
12.13	Sunrise	6:34am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:47pm	High	12:15am
	Moon	25%	Low	11:28pm
12.14	Sunrise	6:35am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:47pm	High	12:32am
	Moon	34%	Low	11:39pm
12.15	Sunrise	6:35am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:47pm	High	12:06am/9:00pm
	Moon	43%	Low	11:38am
12.16	Sunrise	6:36am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:48pm	Low	11:17am
	Moon	53%	High	7:41pm
12.17	Sunrise	6:37am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:48pm	Low	9:49am
	Moon	62%	High	7:14pm
12.18	Sunrise	6:37am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:48pm	Low	4:40am
	Moon	72%	High	7:13pm
12.19	Sunrise	6:38am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:49pm	Low	6:38am
	Moon	81%	High	4:49pm

Golfers and Non-Golfers Both Welcome at FoWal's Two Trees

Two Trees Restaurant gets its name from the two golf courses at the Fort Walton Beach Golf Club—The Oaks and The Pines. The restaurant is located at the club, offering breakfast and lunch daily, with Sunday brunch on certain holidays and a banquet and catering service as well.

My family and I ate lunch at Two Trees on a recent weekday. Two Trees is inside the clubhouse, with indoor dining and seating on the patio. The atmosphere is warm and clubby, with golf photos, lots of beige, and wood trim. There's a bar, and plenty of seating in the spacious main room.

Our server (Lucy) bought menus, took drink orders, and left us to study. The chef (called "Mr. T" on the menu) specializes in Thai-style food, but the menu mixes it up, with a little Thai, Southwestern, Greek, Louisiana, deli and old-fashioned American Club Lunch items available. There's something for everyone, and for large and small appetites.

The menu lists a couple of appetizers, Two Trees specialties, house favorites, sandwiches and a long list of both light and lunch-sized salads.

We began with a shared app of three egg rolls (they also offer quesadillas as a starter). These were the old-school restaurant style, large (sliced into bite size), with thick wrappers and plenty of meat and vegetable filling, plus a sweet/spicy dipping sauce. They came out quite hot and my daughter (who loves an egg roll) enjoyed herself especially. You could make a meal of them.

The place was pretty quiet when we arrived, but larger parties soon started drifting in, including one group of guys celebrating someone's birthday with a round of Bloody Marys. They behaved themselves, even apologizing for a slightly risqué remark my daughter might have overheard. She did not, but I appreciated the courtesy.

My wife ordered a warm chicken cashew salad with honey poppy seed dressing. I ordered a "falling apart" roast beef po'boy with fries. Our daughter got a cup of housemade chicken soup.

We had just finished the egg rolls when the mains arrived. The salad looked very pretty and fresh, with large slices of chicken breast arranged over greens, cucumbers and tomatoes and the dressing on the side, just as my wife likes it. There were plenty of plump, whole cashews scattered over the salad. It was a good salad— sort of Mediterranean, sort of Asian.

My po'boy was generously portioned, with a stack of hot and crunchy fries, and a bowl of beef broth for dipping—making for a Louisiana/French Dip sort of hybrid. The tender beef did indeed fall apart over the crunchy grilled bread, so out came the knife and fork.

My daughter's chicken soup was excellent—the chicken and vegetables were fresh, and the stock



had a touch of Asian pizzazz. Trust a Thai chef to make a good chicken soup.

Other lunch choices include grilled mahi filet with sautéed vegetables, "Old Fashioned" hamburger, mushroom cheeseburger or two-cheese patty melt, pan-fried crab cakes, red beans and rice with optional sausage, fried shrimp po'boy or basket, fried or grilled fish of the day sandwich, NY-style pastrami and corned beef Reuben, grilled cheese with soup, triple-decker club sandwich, blackened or pesto chicken sandwich, Thai chicken wrap, chicken salad croissant, chicken quesadilla, and fried rice or Pad Thai.

The salad options are fruit with chicken salad, Santa Fe fajita chicken, chicken and melon, chef salad, Caesar with shrimp, Greek salad, tuna salad, and a Thai beef salad. There's soup and salad or club and salad combos, and a daily special (spaghetti that day).

For dessert they had cheesecake, and key lime, peanut butter, pecan or apple pie. We ordered one slice of pecan to share. It was served warm, with whipped cream, and my daughter and I accounted for most of it.

The kitchen also serves breakfast, with daily specials, omelettes, breakfast sandwiches, sides and light options.

Whether you golf, watch golf, or just like breakfast and lunch, Two Trees will give you a friendly welcome and a fine choice of well-prepared food.

**TWO TREES
RESTAURANT**
1955 Lewis Turner Blvd.
Fort Walton Beach
850-833-9665

Hours: Open daily for breakfast, 6-10:30 AM; lunch, 10:30 AM-3 PM.

Reservations: Accepted for larger parties.

Children's Menu: Can accommodate.

Dress: Casual

Dine at the club, with or without a round of golf. Two Trees offers a variety of breakfast and lunch items, with Asian, Mediterranean, Louisiana, deli and Coastal Florida options. Grilled or fried fish, po'boys, dinner salads, burgers, even Pad Thai. Pleasant dining room, with a view of the grounds. Full bar, \$7-12.

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If your favorite restaurant isn't listed here, let us know by dropping an email to us at chris@beachcomberdestin.com

AMERICAN

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Destin's first true burger bar has it all - Burgers, Bourbon and Beer! Charlie's has a selection of 17 different burgers from lamb, Black Angus, wild boar, bison, even Ostrich. If you don't want one of the already built burgers, make your own. Select the bun you would like, than the protein, pick your cheese and your sides. The soon to be famous deep fried pickles are to die for. Or live a little and go for Charlie's Funky Fries topped with different types of cheeses. Happy hour daily from 3-6 PM Open at 3 PM Mon.-Fri. and 11 AM Saturday and Sunday. \$3-32, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex, 850-424-7695. www.CharliesBurgerBar.com.

RESTAURANT PARADIS Nestled in the beautiful coastal town of Rosemary Beach, you'll find this hidden gem that loyal customers like to call home. Evoking a warm neighborhood feel, the dining area features an understated wine country elegance. Open for dinner beginning at 5 PM, Paradis is committed to serving fresh seasonal ingredients, which celebrate local produce and an abundance of fresh Gulf seafood, along with prime steaks and fine wines. Paradis welcomes wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners, and all celebrations, both intimate and large. Come join us! Located at 82 S Barrett Square, Rosemary Beach. Call 850-534-0400 or visit www.restaurantparadis.com.

ASIAN

LIN'S ASIAN CUISINE Enjoy carefully prepared and artfully served Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes in a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere. Chicken, beef, pork, duck, fish and shellfish are cooked to suit most tastes, and Lin's offers your favorites—General Tso's chicken, Mongolian beef, pad thai, lo mein and kung pao, among many others. Beer and wine. \$2-15. 130 Scenic Gulf Dr. #5B, Miramar Beach, 850-424-5888.

BAKERIES

CAKEMASTER'S BAKERY II Quality baked goods since 1971, made from scratch on the premises by a fourth generation baker. Decorated cakes for all occasions. New Sweet Expressions cake collection. Breakfast pastries—Danish (cheese, pecan, fruit), assorted coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, crumb cake, strudel, bienstich, pecan crispies. Delicious delights—brownies, ragulah, cream fingers, biscotti, cookies (wedding, sugar, chocolate chip, raisin, fruit bars, holiday) and more. Refrigerated desserts—éclairs, Boston cream pie, cheesecake, black forest cake, Italian rum cake, Napoleons, French creampuffs and more. Come on by and see us. 105 Beach Drive Suite A-3, Fort Walton Beach (behind Pizza Hut on Racetrack Road), 850-862-4911. Closed Mondays.

BARBEQUE

BACK BEACH BARBECUE offers a delicious yet refined menu highlighted by 12-hour slow cooked meats, simple homemade sides, gluten-free options and four sauces made special in house. At the center of attention are the restaurant's two wood fired pits, "Smokey" and "The Bandit," easily viewed and smelled from the covered patio, outdoor patio or via two garage doors which give the restaurant a true open-air feel. Back Beach Barbecue also offers

catering for private and corporate events, delivery and a mobile food truck. The restaurant is open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, beginning at 6:30 AM. Located at 19714 Panama City Beach Parkway, Panama City Beach. Call 850-249-0822 or visit www.backbeachbarbecue.com.

LILLIE'S Q Award-winning on the national level barbecue restaurant located at 9848 Hwy. 98 W., Miramar Beach, approximately seven miles east of the Mid Bay Bridge. We offer barbecue that represents all areas of the U.S., such as pulled pork, baby back ribs, smoked chicken breast and beef tri-tip (sliced sirloin). All meat products are slow smoked using natural wood and lump charcoal. Seven sauce choices with delicious side orders and the best banana pudding in the Panhandle. We offer a wrap around porch. No inside seating. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 AM-6 PM Call ahead orders welcomed! 850-654-3911.

BREAKFAST & MORE

ASIAGO'S SKILLET There's no place like it. Open daily from midnight till noon. Try your hand at our one-of-a-kind Crab Cake Benny, mouth watering Bananas Foster French Toast or our classic American Breakfast. We've got something for everyone. Plus, don't miss out on our Build Your Own Bloody Mary Bar, complete with infused vodkas, every weekend. Truly breakfast at its best. 110 Amberjack Drive, Okaloosa Island, 850-586-7998. New location in Destin! 300 Harbor Blvd., 850-424-4160. www.facebook.com/asiago.skillet.

BLUE COLLAR CAFE Made to order breakfast and lunch served all day. House made bagels. Full coffee bar with Maas coffee and espresso roasted at the cafe. Home of the famous BOB (breakfast on a bagel) and New York style lox and house-mixed cream cheese. Salads and sides, homemade scones and sweets. Open Mon.-Fri., 7:30 AM-2:30 PM; Saturdays, 8 AM-2 PM 104 Hollywood Blvd. SW, Fort Walton Beach.

CAMILLE'S CAFE Start your day with coffee and breakfast. We feature fluffy eggs, cinnamon rolls, apple pie muffins, fresh juice and smoothies. For lunch, enjoy our fresh caught tuna salad on an Asiago cheese bagel, Sriracha turkey sandwich or Mediterranean chicken salad sandwich. Plus all day Bloody Marys, mimosas, beer, and daiquiris made with fresh-squeezed juice. Join our party! 2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin, 850-337-8860.

GRITS AND GRIND In 2011, a love affair between Memphis and the NBA Grizzlies began. With a Grit and Grind style of basketball, this southern team exemplifies hard work. Our owners bring the same commitment to hard work and fresh food at Grits & Grind, a breakfast establishment located in Seacrest Beach. We serve up a great southern breakfast and more, with friendly service in a fun atmosphere. Open daily, 7-11 AM. 10343 E Co. Hwy. 30A, Seacrest Beach, 850-231-4021. gritsandgrindbreakfast.com.

THE LOCAL MARKET Open 7 AM-3 PM daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

THE PANCAKERY Serving breakfast and lunch daily from 7 AM - 2 PM Featuring build your own pancakes and omelettes! Waffles, French Toast, crepes, benedicts, bananas foster and all

traditional breakfast items. Also, lunch menu includes sandwiches, burgers, salads, wraps, and loaded potatoes. Now serving bloody marys, mimosas and cold beer. 960 Hwy 98 East, Suite 104, Destin. 850-269-0791.

TOMMY MATTONIE'S Looking for upscale breakfast options? We offer 13 different Eggs Benedicts and numerous specialty waffles. Trip Advisor honored us with a Certificate of Excellence for 2015. Our list of New Orleans style po-boys for lunch is just as extensive as the Eggs Benedict selections. We serve only local fresh bay shrimp and offer some of the best slow smoked BBQ in FWB. We also serve salads, Floribbean tacos, soups and daily specials. Check Facebook for our daily specials. Open 6 AM to 2 PM every day except Mondays. Located at 723 Eglin Parkway NE in FWB near the Shalimar Bridge. 850-862-0895. www.tommymattonies.com.

BURGERS

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-226-4100. ALSBEACHCLUB.COM

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Burgers, bourbon and beer. Pick from 18 burgers or build your own. Over 50 beers and bourbons, funky French fries, milk shakes for all ages. Located at 2 Harbor Blvd. in HarborWalk Village's Crab Island Cantina Complex, Destin, 850-424-7695.

CASUAL DINING

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. GraffitiFBS.com

COFFEE SHOPS

MAAS COFFEE ROASTERS Fresh roasted beans of origin, roasted in different profiles. Specialty coffee roasters for over 10 years. "Once you go Maas, you'll never go 'Bucks!" Fresh made pastries and bagels, FREE WiFi. Open Mon.-Sat., 8 AM-6 PM; Sundays, 9 AM-4 PM 150 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, across from the Indian Temple Mound Museum. 850-585-0496.

CONTEMPORARY

LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

DINNER & A SHOW

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK If you're looking for something different in town for the whole family, come enjoy Graffiti & The Funky Blues Shack. We've been around for 20-plus years doing what we do best – FOOD + MUSIC! Our dishes are tried and true and are sure to satisfy everyone in your group. Our menu showcases a little bit of everything. We offer some of the best gourmet pizzas and pastas in town. We also prepare fresh caught Gulf seafood and perfectly grilled filets. Vegetarian? No worries, we've got you covered, too. While enjoying your delectable meal, you will also experience listening or boogieing to some of the best local and out-of-town talent. We have Jazz Jams, Blues Jams, and everything in between. We weren't voted

Best Live Music Venue three years in a row for nothing! Summer music schedule is seven days a week—Sun.-Thu., 7-10 PM and Fri. and Sat., 8 PM until... We have a full bar and offer an early Happy Hour from 4 to 7 PM, as well as a late night Happy Hour Friday and Saturday (check website for time). Located at 34902 Emerald Coast Parkway in Destin. For reservations, call 850-424-6650. Full menu and music schedule at GraffitiFBS.com.

REDD'S FUELING STATION a/k/a Redd's Pub N Song, specializes in great food and music. The menu is simple but delicious, including slow cooked beef brisket, sweet and spicy babybacks and fried green tomato BLTs. **Redd the Singing Bartender** sings as she bartends, hosts and serves on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays—customers can participate by requesting songs for tips. Redd offers over 350 songs to choose from. Wednesday is Open Mic Night, the longest running open mic on 30A with musicians of all levels and ages welcome. We have the sound system, you bring your instrument and your talent. Friday nights are live music. Redd likes to promote local musicians and several popular local bands had their first gigs here, including the Luke Langford Band and Mose Wilson and the Delta Twang. Dinner reservations for four or more are highly recommended. Located at 2320 West County Highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Call 850-325-0252 for information and reservations. Visit www.reddsfuel.com and find **Redd's Pub N Song** on Facebook.

ECLECTIC

CAFÉ THIRTY-A Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. \$8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. GraffitiFBS.com

THE RED BAR The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you'll know what to do with. Full bar, \$4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. www.theredbar.com.

FINE DINING

EDWARD'S FINE FOOD AND WINE Relax, you're at Edward's. Open everyday from 5 PM until everyone is full. Courtyard and indoor seating available. Join us at the chef's counter, and watch as the team prepares gourmet dishes to order. We love children, so for safety and as a courtesy to others, children must remain seated with their parents. We operate on a first come first serve and do not take reservations. We look forward to serving you. 66 Main Street, Rosemary Beach, 850-231-0550. Edwards30a.com.

GERMAN/AMERICAN

FOKKERS PUB German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German

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beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there’s something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

HEALTHY DINING

GEORGE’S AT ALYS BEACH Established in 2008, George’s has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 AM-3 PM and 5-9 PM 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, georgesatalysbeach.net.

ITALIAN

CIAO ITALIA BISTRO Dine inside or outside at Guglielmo Ianni’s latest bistro. The big menu offers classic Italian appetizers like bruschetta, caprese and calamari, and a range of pasta, chicken, meat, fish and shellfish entrees—puttanesca, Bolognese, parmigiana, pescatore, and some house originals. Daily specials, family

dining options, comfortable atmosphere and friendly service. Full bar. Open Monday through Saturday, 5-10 PM 985 U.S. 98 East, Suite F, Destin, 850-842-4677.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. GraffitiFBS.com

TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy—beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5 to 8 PM 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.

LATIN / MEXICAN

BUD & ALLEY’S TACO BAR Shake the sand off your feet, choose a colorful table, and get ready to experience South of the Border favorites, Florida-style. Baja fish tacos, homemade guacamole, burritos, top shelf margaritas, and ice cold cerveza hit the spot for lunch or dinner. Open daily, 11 AM-9 PM 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-4781. BudAndAlleys.com.

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you’re hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, \$4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. www.CrabIslandCantina.com.

LA COCINA is a Latin-inspired restaurant featuring both specialty dishes with a Latin flair as well as classic Tex-Mex cuisine. Nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach (in Seacrest Beach), the friendly staff offers some of the best drinks along 30A, including house-made mojitos, sangria, and a selection of fresh-squeezed lime margaritas. La Cocina is always voted as one of South Walton’s hot spots for Mexican cuisine. All dishes are prepared from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. Open daily for lunch, 11:30 AM-3 PM, dinner from 5 to 9 PM. Seacrest Beach, 850-231-4021.

LA PAZ offers just about anything you’d want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, Full bar. \$15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. www.lapazdestin.com.

PEPITO’S MEXICAN GRILL An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito’s a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. \$4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. www.mypepititos.com.

ROCKIN TACOS GRILL & TEQUILA BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-226-8226. ROCKINTACOS.COM

PIZZA & PASTA

BUD & ALLEY’S PIZZA BAR + TRATTORIA Savor artisan cheese, fresh salad, antipasto dishes, homemade soups, seasonal vegetables, hearty pastas and wood-fired pizza. Experience these authentic flavors in the courtyard, fireside at the bar, or on the veranda overlooking the Gulf. Open daily for lunch and dinner, 11 AM-9 PM 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-3113. BudAndAlleysPizzaBar.com.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. GraffitiFBS.com

MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. \$4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

SEAFOOD

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave’s is a go-to place for the kind of seafood that made this area famous. A time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. \$5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.

THE CRAB TRAP SEAFOOD AND OYSTER BAR Destin, 850-654-2722. CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM

THE CRAB TRAP SEAFOOD AND OYSTER BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-301-0959. CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM

DEWEY DESTIN’S HARBORSIDE RESTAURANT The classics, done right. Shrimp, crab, tuna, grouper, scallops, oysters and some land-based items, served fried, grilled, or steamed in most conceivable combinations. Family-friendly, accommodating staff. Nightly

specials, full bar. Open daily at 11 AM 202 Harbor Boulevard, Destin, 850-837-7525.

DEWEY DESTIN’S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT Get fed with the real locals on Calhoun. Dine inside or out on the water, choosing from grilled and fried local fish and shellfish. Oysters, scallops, shrimp, crab, yellowfin and daily catch served in baskets, on platters or on sandwiches with gumbo, apps and salads that all go well with the laid-back setting. Beer and wine. Open daily at 11 AM 9 Calhoun Avenue, Destin, 850-837-7575.

FLOYD’S SHRIMP HOUSE Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-243-2232. FLOYDSSHRIMPHOUSE.COM

GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 AM-9 PM for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 PM 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100 x1550. info@emeraldgrande.com.

HARBOR DOCKS on the historic Destin Harbor has been serving simply prepared Gulf to table seafood from its own market since 1979. Offering hearty breakfasts, a lunch menu featuring blue plate specials alongside authentic Thai dishes, and the area’s best sushi by world famous Chef Yoshie Eddings. In addition to traditional Gulf seafood dishes, there is something for everyone. 538 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-2506. harbordocks.com.

HARRY T’S LIGHTHOUSE Located in HarborWalk Village right on the beautiful Destin Harbor, Harry T’s has something for all ages! With entrees ranging from fresh local seafood to our gourmet hamburgers, there’s something for everyone! Voted Best Place to Watch the Sunset four years in a row, our outside deck offers an unparalleled view of the Destin Harbor. Mega Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 11 AM-7 PM 46 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-654-4800. info@harryts.com.

LOBSTER TAIL Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-833-3016. THELOBSTERTAIL.COM

OLD BAY STEAMER Wide variety of fresh steamed seafood served in every imaginable combination. Choose from crab, shrimp, lobster, oysters, clams, mussels, and fresh catch of the day. Pasta and steak/seafood pairings also offered. Friendly, efficient service. Open daily for dinner, with full bar. \$4-27, 102 Santa Rosa Blvd., Okaloosa Island, 664-2795.

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The Perfect Christmas

By Pastor Jason, Hope on the Beach

Have you ever thought for months, planned for weeks, gotten everything together, for what you knew would be the perfect gift for that somebody? And you were so excited that you could hardly wait for them to open it? But maybe it didn't turn out just perfect.

Have you ever planned to have a photograph of all of the grandkids in their most precious Christmas clothes? It will be the perfect gift for Grandma. But when you go to have the photograph made, little Johnny will not sit still. Andy has pulled the bow, the one the beautician put in for \$16, out of his sister's hair. You promise Johnny things you have no intention of giving him if he will just sit still for one minute. You get the bow back in Betty's hair, but you have to settle for a ponytail.

All is going well when, just before the photographer's flash goes off, the baby throws up! What was perfect in your mind is a total disaster. Or is it?

Have you ever been there? I find it rather ironic that each year we strive to have a perfect Christmas or that perfect Christmas moment. However, the original Christmas wasn't perfect at all. Jesus wasn't born in the perfect family or in the perfect location. On the contrary, Mary was a 13-year-old virgin engaged to marry Joseph that became pregnant by the Holy Spirit.

This almost led to a divorce. She had to make the long journey while eight months pregnant on a donkey, and when she arrived she did not even receive a room to rest. Instead, she goes into labor without doctors, midwives, family or help, all in a stable with animals. This is not the perfect moment parents dream of. Or is it?

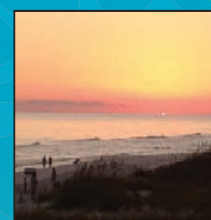
The truth is that it is not what we do, where we are, what we have or what we get that makes Christmas perfect. Christmas is perfect because God, who is perfect, enters the imperfect mess of life. God took on flesh and was born, Immanuel: God with us.

Christmas is perfect because the perfect son of God was born for us. Jesus was born this day to take our sin (imperfection) away, and now we have life and life eternal.

This is good news! In the midst of the disaster that is Hurricane Michael, or our own disasters that rise up in our lives, we can still have a perfect Christmas by having Jesus with us. After all, this is what Christmas was about in the first place.

Please pray with me that we stop striving for a perfect Christmas, and that we celebrate the perfect Christmas that is already here. Pray that we would be more like Mary who received the perfect gift of Jesus and treasured Him in her heart.

God's perfect Christmas be yours!

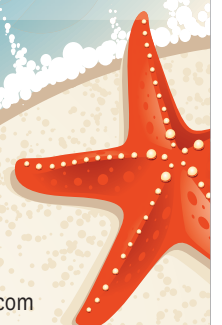


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Dawn's Very Special Christmas Advice for Beachcombers

By Dawn Bright

Dear Dawn,
I love eggnog, but you can only get it around the holidays. Why is that?
- Evelyn N., Navarre

I'm with you, Evelyn. I love eggnog, too! But according to slate.com, eggnog just doesn't sell the rest of the year. Demand follows a traditional consumption pattern that dates back hundreds of years, starting with the British aristocrat who mixed it with brandy or sherry to prevent spoilage. Eventually, less expensive rum was used, and by the 1800s, it was commonly served at winter holiday parties in America.

Apparently, it is also associated with cold weather, as sales are higher in the colder states up north than the rest of the country. And while it could be produced throughout the year, the production, cleanup of machinery, and labeling isn't cost effective.

I don't know if you've tried making your own eggnog, Evelyn, but I have, and it's pretty darned good. Plus the more alcohol you put in it the better, because the alcohol both preserves and sterilizes, which is important when you're using raw eggs. Very few bacteria, including salmonella, can survive in the presence of alcohol. So make your own, pour it on, and drink it up!

Dear Dawn,
Recently, I flew out of the Destin-Fort Walton Beach airport on a

business trip. The woman in the seat next to me was reading a magazine and flipping the pages so loud I had to wear earplugs. She was also wearing all black with a bright orange scarf and orange patent leather high heels. I thought she was a little out there with that outfit, but it was the page-flipping that had me scratching my head. Why would she do that? And why orange? It's Christmas, not Halloween!

- Mark M., Miramar Beach

Pay attention, Mark. I mean, *literally* pay attention. She needed it and found little ways to get it. Did you notice her outfit? Yes. Did you notice her page-flipping? Yes. Did that cause you to reach out to get to know her? No. And therein lies the problem. There are both positive and negative ways to get attention, and it sounds like she went the negative route. Although the orange shoes sound pretty (but you're right, I would have gone with red), inconsiderate behavior on a plane (or anywhere) is not. If you'd reached out and spoken to her, the page-flipping may have stopped, but then you're doing something you really didn't want to do just to make her stop doing something you really didn't want her to do. It sounds like the best course of action was to do exactly what you did do—insert those earplugs and ignore all that negative attention-getting behavior!

Dear Dawn,
Every year I take down my working Christmas lights, carefully pack them up, and store them away. Then,

the next year, I take them out and discover at least half the strands are no longer working. Why?!

- Kris from Shalimar

No clue. That happens to me, too. It could be some kind of Christmas light conspiracy thing or something to do with science. Maybe unplugging them causes more voltage to flow than they can handle, so they all burn out. I'll bet that's it.

So just do like I do. Wait until right after Christmas when all the stuff is on sale, buy half as many lights as you have stored away, and then next year you'll be all set when you discover the unexpected burnt out ones. And Merry Christmas!

Dawn Bright is an eternal optimist. And that's pretty much all you need to know about her. Email your questions to office@beachcomberdestin.com.

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AQUARIUS
JAN. 21 - FEB. 19



Saturn is in Capricorn, and you'd like to feel like the life of the party. One problem—you're not going to get invited to any parties, and if you try to host a party no one is likely to come. Beware of getting scammed financially. Having so few interactions with humans makes you a difficult target to scam, but it can still happen. Your lucky number is 574.

PISCES
FEB. 20 - MAR. 20



It's all about Mars/Neptune for you, and as usual things look sort of okay. At first. All of a sudden, nothing is okay. Things move quickly, and they move in an inexorable path to chaos and horror. They say keeping a prisoner in an isolation cell is torture. You'd give anything to be isolated from everyone and everything. All things fall apart. There are no lucky numbers. There are no unlucky numbers either. There is just...nothing.

ARIES
MAR. 21 - APR. 20



The sun and Mars have squared. As always, things look strong for Aries. Later in the month, Mars enters Aries—all your wishes come true, your family thrives, pets are frisky, and your life is surrounded by beauty and serenity.

TAURUS
APR. 21 - MAY 21



Ah, the bull. Venus enters Scorpio and all hell breaks loose. Staying grounded will be an issue because the ground is less than steady—way less. Just standing still will be challenging—like being thrashed around in an earthquake, blown sideways in a hurricane, and slowly but inexorably sinking in a dark, stinky swamp. Cheers!

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21



Mercury enters Scorpio and life as you know it changes dramatically. You'll wake up one morning and won't recognize a single person all day, because you've been transported to a world of violent upheaval. Sound familiar? Watch out for the numbers 3, 5, 6, 9 and 12. And 2 and 4.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 22



The Venus-Neptune trine brings brilliant Illumination to a long-standing, overwhelming personal problem. The light will help you to finally realize THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO. ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. YOU ARE SCREWED. And avoid numbers 6, 8 and 14.

LEO
JULY 23 - AUG. 23



It's hard to believe that things could get any worse. But wait until Mercury goes stationary. It gets worse, and it gets worse quickly. Hide what few valuable possessions you have. Secure any equities in CASH. Hide the cash. Make sure NO ONE knows where you hide it. You can't trust friends, and you've never been able to trust family.

VIRGO
AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23



The sun enters Capricorn, and Baby it's Cold Outside. Your lack of practical skills makes homelessness a bad option—however, it shouldn't be ruled out. Misunderstanding runs rampant. Be certain, though—all misunderstandings are your fault. Watch out for numbers 1, 2, 5 and 9.

LIBRA
SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23



Venus trines with Neptune on the 21st. To say that everything in life gets better would be a dramatic understatement. Your life would not be believable in a movie format. No one deserves the kind of luck, fortune, fame and all-encompassing love that you experience on a daily basis. Oh, to be a Libra. Being born in September is the ultimate affirmative action.

SCORPIO
OCT. 24 - NOV. 22



The full moon at the end of the month gives you hope and excitement. Don't fall for it. Keep your expectations at a bare minimum. Set the bar low. Your ability to pull yourself out of the muck is laughable. You can't even climb an actual ladder, much less a metaphorical one. Try to find peace in slovenliness, graft and medieval-like squalor.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV. 23 - DEC. 21



Winter starts on the 21st, the shortest day of the year. You can't get anything done on the long days of summer. Don't kid yourself—the time of year, the weather, your current geography... nothing holds you back from accomplishment except for your desultory nature, your lack of even basic intelligence, and your ignorance of basic principles of human interaction. Watch out for the number 27.

CAPRICORN
DEC. 22 - JAN. 20



The Venus-Saturn deal makes you feel even more unappreciated. On a day-to-day basis, year round, you should feel unappreciated because you are. Unless you can find a kindred spirit who is fond of people who are neither friendly nor attractive, you're out of luck. If you can find someone who likes miserable, destitute, lackluster hypochondriacs, you're in luck.

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Spot the SANTA HAT for the days to VISIT SANTA on the main stage!
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For each letter in Santa's mailbox, we'll donate \$1 to a children's charity.

**NOV
24**

SANTA'S ARRIVAL

12pm | Santa arrives to HarborWalk Village!

**NOV
25**

ORNAMENT DECORATING

1pm | Free ornament crafts near the main stage

**DEC
1**

PROJECT HOLIDAY: A HURRICANE MICHAEL RELIEF CONCERT

7pm | Join us for this special live concert benefit!

**DEC
2**

MOVIE NIGHT

5pm | Enjoy a showing of ELF on the main stage

**DEC
6**

CHANUKAH

5:30pm | Festive food, music, and grand
Menorah lighting!

**DEC
8**

NICEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

5pm | Performing on the main stage

**DEC
9**

HOLIDAY ON THE HARBOR

5pm | Nutcracker Performance on main stage
6pm | Destin Harbor Boat Parade with
FIREWORKS following the parade!

**DEC
15**

SANTA CAUSE PUB CRAWL

6pm | Pub Crawl for a good cause!
9pm | Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest

**DEC
16**

SANTA PAWS PET PICTURES

1-4pm | Bring your pets for a free photo with Santa

**DEC
21**

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

6pm | Live concert playing the holiday classics!

**DEC
22**

MOVIE NIGHT

5pm | Enjoy a showing of Rudolph and Frosty
on the main stage

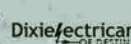
**DEC
23**

COOKIE DECORATING

1pm | Decorate cookies for Santa near the main stage



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